

after May 1, 1970 must exercise this option within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Law or immediately upon reappointment to the County service.

(u) "Credited Service for Qualified County Service not credited under the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland." Each present member and each member retiring on or after May 1, 1970 who was employed during the period of time that Montgomery County employees were covered by the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland may be credited for any qualified service for which he was not credited because of a waiting period rule. There shall be no charge to the employee for any such service credit up to one month. For each month in excess of one month the employee shall be required to pay into the Employees' Retirement System of Montgomery County that amount of money which he would have paid into the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland had he actually been an active member thereof during such period with four and one-half (4½%) percent interest from the date of employment to June 30, 1970, then six and one-half (6½%) percent interest thereafter for each year from June 30, 1970 to date of full payment for such credited service. To be credited for any period of such service in excess of one month the employee must make application not later than June 30, 1971 or forfeit this right. Any period of time less than fifteen (15) days is not purchasable or creditable.

SEC. 3. Sections 66(a), title "Average final earnings," and 66(d) (2), title "Adjustment for pension payments previously paid" of Section 66, title "Amount of Pension at Normal Retirement Date or Early Retirement Date," Chapter 94, Montgomery County Code, 1965, are hereby amended as follows:

(a) "Average final earnings." "Average final earnings" shall mean the regular earnings of a member for the three consecutive years of credited service as a member during his total period of credited service for which his earnings were highest, or if he has less than three years' service, then his average regular earnings for his total service. For any member retiring on or after May 1, 1970 if the average final earnings are based upon a member's last three (3) years' of service and such member was in leave-without-pay status during a part of this period then the average earnings shall mean the last thirty-six (36) months the employee was in full pay status immediately preceding his retirement.

(d) "Adjustment for pension payments previously paid."

(2) If a Group A member who retires from the service of the County under the provisions of this Article receives service connected disability pension payments and such member subsequently returns to work and re-enters this retirement system within five (5) years of the date that his service connected disability retirement commenced and prior to attaining age fifty-five (55), the number of