

provisions of § 32A of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, shall retain credit for past service if in an actuarially-funded county, city or municipal retirement system. [“Salary” as referred to in the preceding sentence of this subsection means an amount equivalent to the compensation provided for that category of employee on January 1, 1971 and any increment in compensation received by that category of employee since January 1, 1971 if the increment was received pursuant to a right or salary plan in effect on January 1, 1971.] Any employee made part of the State classified service shall not be deemed a permanent employee unless the period of service with his prior governmental employer would qualify the employee for permanent status if the employee had been serving in the State service during the period; provided, however, that the prior service shall be credited against the applicable probationary period required to be served under the provisions of the Merit System Law. It is further provided that any clerical, administrative or constabular employee otherwise within the provisions of this subsection but who was hired, promoted or reclassified by his governmental employer after January 1, 1971, but prior to July 4, 1971, shall continue as an employee of the District Court only upon a determination by the chief judge of the District Court that the employee’s continued service in the job classification held on the first Monday in July, 1971, is required for the effective operation of the District Court. Except as heretofore provided, all such clerical, administrative and constabular employees shall be appointed by the chief judge of the District Court upon the recommendation of the administrative judge in each district. All constables, clerks, and clerical and administrative employees as may be necessary to conduct the business of the court shall be in the State service.

(c) With respect to every employee or person described in subsections (a) or (b) of this section who elects to remain under a county, city or municipal [merit, classification,] leave, retirement or health system, the county, city or municipality in question shall make whatever payments or contributions are required to be made by the county, city or municipality to or for the account or on behalf of the employee, and the State shall periodically reimburse the county, city or municipality for any such payments or contributions made, provided that payments or contributions made by the county, city or municipality to the retirement or group insurance program of any such employee shall not be deemed to be salary with respect to the employee.

(d) The chief clerk of the District Court shall be responsible, subject to the direction of the chief judge of the District Court, for the administration and day-to-day clerical operation of the District Court and its several divisions and locations and shall perform all other duties as may be prescribed by rule or by law. He may delegate administrative duties to other clerical or administrative personnel of the District Court in a manner consistent with rule and with law. The chief administrative clerk in each district shall be responsible to the chief clerk of the District Court and the administrative judge of the district for the maintenance and operation of the clerical staff and work within the district, including dockets, records, and all necessary papers. The District Court clerk in each county shall be responsible for the custody and maintenance of the files, records, and operations of the court in his or her county subject to the direction of the chief