

retirement system as a condition of employment, and shall not be entitled to receive any pension or retirement allowance from any other pension or retirement system supported wholly or in part by the State of Maryland, anything to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person, employed during the period July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1972, who elected not to join the retirement system, must become a member on the two year anniversary date of his employment. The rate of contribution of such employee shall be determined by his age at the time he actually joins the system, and will not be reduced for reason of service prior to joining, provided, however, that any such employee may purchase credit for service before joining by paying the contributions due, **BASED ON THE RATE DETERMINED FOR HIS AGE AT MEMBERSHIP PURSUANT TO § 56(1)(A) AS IN EFFECT ON HIS DATE OF EMPLOYMENT** plus interest **ON SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS**. Such purchase may be made at any time prior to retirement.

(2) Time of becoming member. -- Any person who is an employee on the date of establishment, except any person for whom special provision is made under subsection (3) of this section, shall become a member as of that date.

(3) Election not to become member. -- Any person who is an employee on the date of establishment and who is on that date and has been since June 1, 1935, a member of the State Police pension fund shall become a member as of the date of establishment unless within a period of thirty days next following such employee shall file with the board of trustees, on a form prescribed by the board, a notice of his election not to be covered in the membership in the Retirement System and a duly executed waiver of all present and prospective benefits which would otherwise inure to him on account of his participation in the Retirement System. Any person who was a member of the State Police pension fund on June 1, 1949, and who elected in 1949 not to be covered in the membership in the Retirement System, shall have the further opportunity to become a member of the Retirement System, at any time between June 1, 1961, and December 31, 1961, both dates inclusive, and not thereafter; but this eligibility is only for persons who would be eligible for membership in the Retirement System if they had begun their employment in 1961. If during that time he elects to be covered in the membership of the Retirement System, his membership therein shall begin as of the first day of the calendar month next following the day of his election, subject to the conditions of this section and of the other provisions of this article not inconsistent with this section. Any person who thus becomes a member of the Retirement System shall receive credit therein for what would have been his prior service as of June 1, 1949. Before being admitted to such membership, any such person shall pay to the Retirement System the full amount of what would have been his accumulated contributions therein had he in fact belonged to the system from June 1, 1949, to the date upon which he becomes a member under the provisions of this action, together with regular interest thereon. The State shall make such matching contributions to the Retirement System as it would have made had the person in fact belonged to the system from June 1, 1949, to the date upon which he becomes a member under the provisions of this section, together with regular interest thereon. Provided, however, that the payment by the State of such matching contributions and also its payment of the prior service credit may together be paid at such and in such amounts as may be recommended by the actuary for the Retirement System.

(4) When membership ceases; reentry; credit for service as member of Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement System. -- Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than two years, or should he withdraw all or part of his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member. However, any such person who has withdrawn