

1974 TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE LOCAL SYSTEM. ANY SALARY INCREASES OR CHANGE IN BENEFITS APPLICABLE TO LESS THAN ALL THE EMPLOYEES IN THE LOCAL SYSTEM WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO ASSESSORS SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR THEM ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF THE INCREASES OR CHANGE IN BENEFITS BY THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL. ANY ASSESSOR WHO ELECTS TO REMAIN IN A LOCAL SYSTEM SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THAT SYSTEM, AND SHALL NOT SHARE IN ANY BENEFIT OF A SYSTEM PROVIDED FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

(D) ALL ASSESSORS WHO ON JULY 1, 1974 BECOME SUBJECT TO ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW UNDER ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON JULY 1, 1974 AND SHALL BE PLACED IN THAT POSITION WHICH IS COMPARABLE OR WHICH MOST CLOSELY COMPARES WITH HIS FORMER POSITION, WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION, AND WITHOUT DIMINUTION OR LOSS OF ANY BENEFITS TO WHICH ENTITLED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1974. ALL ASSESSORS WHO [(SIMILARLY BECOME)] WERE MEMBERS OF A LOCAL ACTUARIAL SYSTEM PRIOR TO BECOMING SUBJECT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE SHALL BE CREDITED WITH ALL PRIOR SERVICE RENDERED BY THEM TO THE COUNTIES OR BALTIMORE CITY TO WHICH THEY WERE ENTITLED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1974 FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AND RATES OF CONTRIBUTION UNDER ARTICLE 73B. PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT UNTIL JULY 1, 1976 OR UNTIL THE STATE SALARY RATE EQUALS AT LEAST 90% OF THE APPLICABLE LOCAL SALARY RATE FOR COMPARABLE ASSESSOR POSITIONS, WHICHEVER IS SOONER, SUCH ASSESSORS AND ASSESSORS HIRED AFTER JULY 1, 1974 SHALL BE PAID AT THE APPLICABLE LOCAL SALARY SYSTEM RATE. ANY ASSESSOR WHO ELECTS TO TRANSFER TO THE STATE SHALL RECEIVE THOSE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR BY THE STATE UNDER ARTICLES 64A AND 73B AND SHALL NOT SHARE IN ANY BENEFIT OF ANY SYSTEM PROVIDED FOR EMPLOYEES OF ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY.

(E) ALL ASSESSORS WHO BECAME SO EMPLOYED AFTER JANUARY 1, 1974, AND PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1974, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO AND BECOME PART OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE 64A AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE 73B ON JULY 1, 1974, WITH ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) ABOVE.

(F) WITH RESPECT TO EVERY EMPLOYEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) 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 THE BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEE, AND THE STATE SHALL PERIODICALLY REIMBURSE THE COUNTY, CITY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR ANY SUCH PAYMENTS 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