

payable to the member and shall pay these amounts to the Employees' Retirement System.

[(10)] (7) In Dorchester County any employee who is not a member of the county's general pension and retirement program may participate in the State Retirement System. Any county employee who is not presently covered by the State Retirement System may elect to participate in the State Retirement System and purchase credit for service before joining by paying the respective contribution due. The county shall contribute its respective portion of the contribution due.

[6.

(a) Any person who was an employee on October 1, 1941, who elected in 1941 or 1942 not to be covered in the membership of the retirement system, and who has been an employee continuously since that time shall have a further opportunity to elect to become a member of the retirement system, at any time between July 1, 1951, and December 31, 1951, both dates inclusive, and not thereafter. 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 October 1, 1941. 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 October 1, 1941, to the date upon which he becomes a member under the provisions of this section, 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 October 1, 1941, 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 times and in such amounts as may be recommended by the actuary for the retirement system.

(b) An employee whose membership in the retirement system was contingent on his own election and who elected not to become a member may thereafter apply for and be admitted to membership. Such a person shall receive prior service credit for service rendered prior to the date he was first eligible to become a member and membership credit for service rendered subsequent thereto, provided that he shall pay to the retirement system by a single payment prior to his retirement or death, the contributions which he would have made had he in fact belonged to the system during the period he was eligible, together with regular interest to