

accrued to him as a new member on account of service since his last restoration to membership, provided that the total pension on his subsequent retirement shall not exceed the rate per centum he would have received had he remained in service during the period of his prior retirement.

(12) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, if any person, while being a member of the State Employees' Retirement System, has been or may hereafter be appointed or elected to any State office, or promoted by an express appointment by the appointing authority with the express concurrence of the Secretary of Personnel to any position within the State government which is not a part of the classified service and which is not covered by the provisions of Article 64A (Merit System), for a fixed or indefinite term and not be continued in office after serving in such position for a period of one (1) year, reappointed or reelected, provided that the termination of employment is involuntary as determined by the Secretary of Personnel, after the completion of sixteen years of creditable service, regardless of age, such member may elect, in lieu of the withdrawal of his accumulated contributions, to have such contributions paid to him in an annuity of equivalent actuarial value, in which event he shall also be paid a pension equal to the ordinary disability pension that would have been payable at such time had he been retired on an ordinary disability retirement; and if any person, while being a member of said retirement system, shall vacate his position by reason of the termination of his tenure by act of the General Assembly after said person has twenty years of creditable service, regardless of age, he may elect to receive the allowance for service retirement in lieu of the withdrawal of his accumulated contributions. The board of trustees shall include any additional amount required to pay such pension in the amount certified to the Governor as required by [§ 14 (6)] §14(4) of this article. Should such beneficiary be appointed or elected to any office, the salary or compensation of which is paid by the State, his retirement allowance shall cease, and he may again become a member of the retirement system and shall contribute thereafter at the same rate he paid prior to his retirement. Any prior service [certificate] CREDIT on the basis of which his service was computed at the time of his retirement shall be restored to full force and effect, and in addition upon his subsequent retirement he shall be credited with all his service as a member, provided his pension upon such subsequent retirement shall not exceed the pension he was receiving prior to restoration plus such pension as may have accrued on account of his membership service after restoration. The payment of all such pensions and the continued payment of such pensions shall be contingent on the payment annually by the State of Maryland of the additional amount so required to meet the current disbursements of such pensions.

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(a) Membership in the system for such officers and