

employees who are admitted as provided in § 22 of this article shall be optional with such officers and employees in the service on the date the approval is given and any such officer or employee who elects to join the [said] retirement system [within one calendar year thereafter, shall be] IS entitled to [a] prior service [certificate covering full] credit for service rendered prior to date of approval. Any person who was an officer or employee of any such municipal corporation before or during World War II and who left his position to [service] SERVE in military service therein, and who later reentered the employment of that or another municipal corporation within two years from the date of his discharge from military service, shall be entitled to prior service credit for any part of the period of such military service not otherwise credited and allowable under the provisions of this article; and the expense of allowing such prior service credit shall be borne by the municipal corporation with which he is serving on June 1, 1955.

27A.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, if any officer or employee of a participating municipal corporation, while being a member of the State Employees' Retirement System, shall vacate his position by reason of the termination of his tenure by act of the General Assembly or by reason of the abolition of his job or position by act of the legislative body of the participating municipal corporation 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 chief fiscal officer of the participating municipal corporation as provided by § 26 of this article. Should such beneficiary be appointed or elected to any office, the salary or compensation of which is paid by the State or by a participating municipal corporation, 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 any such pension and the continued payment of any such pension shall be contingent on the payment annually by the State of Maryland or the participating municipal corporation, as the case may be, of the additional amount so required to meet the current disbursements of such pension.