

ALL STATE EMPLOYEES UNDER THIS PENSION SYSTEM SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A PRERETIREMENT COUNSELING SERVICE REGARDING PENSION BENEFITS. WITH THE CONSENT OF THE RETIREE, THE COUNSELING ALSO SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO HIS SPOUSE OR MEMBERS OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

130. DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANING INDICATED.

(2) (A) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" MEANS A COUNTY, INCORPORATED TOWN, OR MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL TAXING AREA, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

(B) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" INCLUDES ANY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION, ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT RECEIVES PART OR ALL OF ITS FUNDS FROM OR THROUGH ANY COUNTY, TOWN, MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL TAXING AREA, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION CREATED BY AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE AND NOT FOR THE PROFIT OF ANY PRIVATE PERSON OR CORPORATION. IF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CEASES TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" BECAUSE OF ANY PUBLIC GENERAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAW, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM MAY CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THIS SYSTEM AT THE EMPLOYEE'S ELECTION IF THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION, AS REQUIRED HEREIN, CONTINUES TO BE MADE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:

- (I) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN;
- (II) A COOPERATIVE LIBRARY COMMISSION;
- (III) THE UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION;
- (IV) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, INC.;
- (V) THE ALLEGANY COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY;
- (VI) THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL OF APPALACHIA; AND
- (VII) THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY NURSING HOME.

(3) "LEGISLATIVE BODY" MEANS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY COUNCIL, TOWN COUNCIL, PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS, BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS (OR BY WHATEVER OTHER NAME THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF ANY INCORPORATED TOWN, CITY, OR MUNICIPALITY MAY BE KNOWN), AND THE BOARD OR COMMISSION