

HAVING AUTHORITY OR CONTROL OVER ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING THE BOARD OR GOVERNING BODY OF ANY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION AND ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVING PART OR ALL OF ITS FUNDS FROM OR THROUGH ANY COUNTY, INCORPORATED TOWN, OR MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL TAXING AREA, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

131. ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF STATE.

EXCEPT FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY MAINTAINED AT THE EXPENSE OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO IT. AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND ON DECEMBER 31, 1979 MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. IF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION APPROVES THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

132. OPTIONAL AND COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP IN STATE SYSTEM.

(1) MEMBERSHIP IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ADMITTED UNDER § 131 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE OPTIONAL FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN THE SERVICE ON THE DATE THE APPROVAL IS GIVEN AND ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO ELECTS TO JOIN THIS PENSION SYSTEM WITHIN 1 CALENDAR YEAR, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CREDIT FOR SERVICE RENDERED BEFORE THE DATE OF APPROVAL. ANY PERSON WHO WAS AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEFORE OR DURING WORLD WAR II AND WHO LEFT HIS POSITION TO SERVE IN MILITARY SERVICE, AND WHO LATER REENTERED THE EMPLOYMENT OF THAT OR ANOTHER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITHIN 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF HIS DISCHARGE FROM MILITARY SERVICE, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CREDIT FOR ANY PART OF THE PERIOD OF THAT MILITARY SERVICE NOT OTHERWISE CREDITED AND ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND THE EXPENSE OF ALLOWING THIS CREDIT SHALL BE BORNE BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITH WHICH HE IS SERVING.

(2) MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE COMPULSORY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ENTERING THE SERVICE OF SUCH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AFTER THE DATE OF APPROVAL, IF MEMBERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPULSORY HAD THEY ENTERED THE STATE SERVICE IN SIMILAR POSITIONS.

133. LOCAL PENSION SYSTEMS.