

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 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