

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 73B - Pensions

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The membership of the pension system shall consist of the following individuals:

(3) (a) [Membership shall be optional for an elected or appointed official, an employee of the Governor's office, or a desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly who receives an annual salary as his compensation for his employment. An official who is elected or appointed on or after January 1, 1980, may become a member of this system by applying at any time after his election or appointment and before his term expires. The official is entitled to credit for previous service rendered by him to the State, or a participating municipal corporation, including service rendered before the establishment of this system. On receiving a claim for this service credit from the official, the board of trustees shall verify his previous employment and the creditable service to which the member is entitled, compute the amount due from the political subdivision for which credit is claimed, and submit a statement to the participating municipal corporation for the amount. The computation shall be based on the compensation actually received by the official from the municipal corporation during the period for which service is to be credited. The participating municipal corporation immediately shall pay the amount to this pension system or place it in the next budget for prompt payment when that budget becomes effective.

(b) An official who receives membership service credit for service rendered to the State or to a participating municipal corporation under this subsection shall pay to this pension system by single payment, within the period of time determined by the board of trustees, the contributions, with interest, that he would have paid had he been a member of this pension system but withdrew. However, the member may waive the payment of any of these contributions, in which case when he retires any service retirement allowance, any ordinary disability retirement allowance, or any allowance due to nonreappointment or nonreelection to any office that is payable to the official, shall be reduced by the actuarial equivalent of those contributions that he had not paid, with interest to date of his retirement.

(c) Any member of this pension system who had served previously as an elected or appointed official of the State or a participating municipality, is entitled to receive credit for the period of this creditable service on making in a single payment, within the period of time as determined