

CHAPTER 109

(House Bill 1696)

AN ACT concerning

Retirement and Pensions - Service Retirement Allowance - Creditable Service

FOR the purpose of providing that certain members and retirees of the Employees' Pension System may receive a certain number of years of service credit for certain employment under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to creditable service for purposes of determining service retirement allowances.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) In this section, "desk officer" means:

- (1) the Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates;
- (2) the Assistant Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates;
- (3) the Journal Clerk of the House of Delegates;
- (4) the Secretary of the Senate;
- (5) the Assistant Secretary of the Senate;
- (6) the Journal Clerk of the Senate; and

(7) any desk officer who retired from the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2005.

(b) (1) A member or retiree of the Employees' Pension System who has been employed by the General Assembly as a desk officer on a full-time or part-time basis may receive up to 5 years of service credit for which the member or retiree is not otherwise entitled.

(2) Any service credit that a member or retiree of the Employees' Pension System receives under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be for the period of time that the member or retiree:

(i) was employed as a desk officer or in any other position as a full-time or part-time permanent, temporary, or contractual State employee; and

(ii) was not a member of either the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, for service credit granted under this Act, a year or part of a year of employment equals 1 year of service credit.