

(i) would have been entitled to purchase service credit under the Employees' Pension System; and

(ii) is not otherwise entitled to service credit under the Local Fire and Police System.

(2) To purchase service credit under this section, a member must:

(i) complete a claim for the service credit and file it with the Board of Trustees on the form that the Board of Trustees provides; and

(ii) pay to the Board of Trustees an amount equal to the annuity reserve and pension reserve required to fund the additional allowance.

[(3) A member may pay the amount required by paragraph (2) of this subsection on an installment basis by contributing at least 2% of earnable compensation per year with the appropriate final adjustments being made in the year the member retires.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(b) The Board of Trustees shall pay a member of the Employees' Retirement System who qualifies under subsection (c) of this section a pension equal to an ordinary disability pension, regardless of age, if the member:

(1) has at least 16 years of creditable service; and

(2) elects to have the member's accumulated contributions paid as an annuity of equivalent actuarial value instead of withdrawing the accumulated contributions.

(c) A member qualifies for a pension under subsection (b) of this section if the member:

(1) (i) is an elected or appointed official of the State at the time of application for retirement; and

(ii) was initially an elected or appointed official of the State before July 22, 1981;

(2) (i) is an elected or appointed official of the State when separating from employment;

(ii) was initially an elected or appointed official of the State during the period from July 22, 1981, through June 30, 1982, both inclusive; and

(iii) separated from employment involuntarily as certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management; [or]