

(D) (1) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" MEANS A COUNTY, INCORPORATED TOWN, OR MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL TAXING AREA, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

(2) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" INCLUDES ANY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION, ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT RECEIVES PART OR ALL OF ITS FUNDS FROM OR THROUGH ANY COUNTY, TOWN, MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL TAXING AREA, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION CREATED BY AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE AND NOT FOR THE PROFIT OF ANY PRIVATE PERSON OR CORPORATION.

(3) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:

- RIVER BASIN;
- (I) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC
- (II) A COOPERATIVE LIBRARY COMMISSION;
- (III) THE UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION;
- MARYLAND, INC.;
- (IV) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN
- (V) THE ALLEGANY COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY;
- (VI) THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL OF APPALACHIA;
- (VII) THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY NURSING HOME;
- (VIII) THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE; AND
- (IX) THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION.

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EXCEPT FOR EMPLOYEES NOW ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY MAINTAINED AT THE EXPENSE OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ANY EMPLOYEE OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, IF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE EMPLOYING MUNICIPAL CORPORATION APPROVES PARTICIPATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 166 OF THIS SUBTITLE. EMPLOYEE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM MAY RETAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THAT SYSTEM AND BE ENTITLED TO ALL THE BENEFITS OF THAT SYSTEM AS THOUGH THEY WERE STATE EMPLOYEES. IF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION APPROVES THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.