Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 73B, § 2–203.

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "an individual described in § 22–201(a) of this subtitle" is added to reflect that "employee" is no longer a defined term.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "[e]xcept as provided in § 22–203 of this subtitle" is added to clarify that membership is not a condition of employment for those individuals for whom membership is optional.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a person who becomes "an employee on or after that date" is deleted as surplusage.

Former Art. 73B, § 2–206 of the Code, which is referred to in subsection (b) of this section, has been transferred to the Session Laws. <u>See</u> the General Revisor's Note to this title.

Defined terms: "Employees' Retirement System" § 20-101 "Member" § 20-101

22-203. SAME — OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP.

- (A) STATE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS.
 - (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO:
 - (I) AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL;
 - (II) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE; AND
- (III) A DESK OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF EITHER HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO RECEIVES AN ANNUAL SALARY AS COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.
- (2) MEMBERSHIP IN THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS OPTIONAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO A POSITION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FROM JULY 1, 1957, TO DECEMBER 31, 1979, BOTH INCLUSIVE.
- (3) DURING AN INDIVIDUAL'S TERM, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION BY COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
 - (B) EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS OPTIONAL FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE SYSTEMS.