

Defined terms: "County" § 20-101
"Local Fire and Police System" § 20-101

31-203. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE.

(A) PARTICIPATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

IF AT LEAST 60% OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF AN ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM PETITION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT MAY APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEM AS THOUGH THE LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM WERE NOT IN OPERATION.

(B) PARTICIPATION BY FIRE FIGHTERS.

IF AT LEAST 60% OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS OF AN ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM PETITION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT MAY APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEM AS THOUGH THE LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM WERE NOT IN OPERATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 73B, § 10-229(a)(1).

In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the phrase "at least" is added to modify "60%" for clarity.

Also in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the former references to the application of "this subtitle" are deleted as unnecessary; implicit in this subtitle is its application to those eligible governmental units that elect to participate.

Also in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the former references to the "sign[ing]" of the petition by the "law enforcement officers" or "fire fighters" are deleted as included in the references to "petition[ing]".

Defined terms: "Eligible governmental unit" § 31-201
"Fire fighter" § 31-201
"Law enforcement officer" § 31-201
"Local Fire and Police System" § 20-101
"Local pension system" § 31-201
"Member" § 20-101

31-204. CREDIT FOR SERVICE BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE.

IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FIRE FIGHTER JOINS THE LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEM WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, THE MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE.