

[(1)](I) a Natural Resources police officer; or

[(2)](II) a law enforcement officer, other than a Natural Resources police officer; OR

(2) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE MARYLAND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT.

26-202.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle is a member of the [Natural Resources] LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' Pension System as a condition of employment.

(b) Membership in the [Natural Resources] LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' Pension System is optional for an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle who was employed:

(1) by the Department of Natural Resources on July 1, 1990; OR

(2) BY THE MARYLAND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT ON JUNE 30, 1995.

26-302.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a member is entitled to eligibility service for periods of employment while a member of the [Natural Resources] LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' Pension System.

26-304.

A member is entitled to eligibility service that equals:

(2) for a member who has transferred from the Employees' Retirement System, the member's creditable service recognized under the Employees' Retirement System through the date before the member became a member of the [Natural Resources] LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' Pension System; and

(3) for a member who has transferred from the Employees' Pension System, the member's eligibility service recognized under the Employees' Pension System through the date before the member became a member of the [Natural Resources] LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' Pension System.

26-307.

(a) (1) In the year of retirement, a member may purchase service credit for eligibility service of up to 10 years for periods of employment for which the member:

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

(ii) is not otherwise entitled to service credit under the [Natural Resources] LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' Pension System.