

(xii) who was employed by the Military Department as a firefighter at Martin State Airport on June 30, 2001, and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002; [or]

(xiii) who was employed on June 30, 2002, by the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Education as a police officer certified in accordance with the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions, and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002; OR

(XIV) WHO WAS EMPLOYED ON JUNE 30, 2004, BY THE SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FIREFIGHTER OR PARAMEDIC AND WHO ELECTS MEMBERSHIP ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2004, IF ELIGIBLE UNDER TITLE 31, SUBTITLE 2A OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) To elect to be a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, an individual shall file a written application with the State Retirement Agency.

(3) If an individual does not elect membership during the applicable period specified under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the individual may not become a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

31-2A-03.

(A) 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 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, the legislative body of the eligible governmental unit may approve the participation of these law enforcement officers in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as though the local pension system were not in operation.

(B) IF AT LEAST 60% OF THE FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS EMPLOYED BY THE SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT PETITION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, AS AN ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, MAY APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

31-2A-04.

If a law enforcement officer, FIREFIGHTER, OR PARAMEDIC joins the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System within 6 months after the effective date, the member is entitled to credit for employment with the participating governmental unit before the effective date.

31-2A-05.

(a) If an eligible governmental unit approves participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, the operation of the local pension system with respect to the law enforcement officers, FIREFIGHTERS, OR PARAMEDICS terminates on the effective date.

(b) (1) On the effective date: