

(g) The amounts certified under this section by the Board of Trustees to the chief fiscal officer of a participating municipal corporation shall be included in the next budget, appropriation, or levy of the participating municipal corporation after the certification by the Board of Trustees and shall be levied and collected in the same manner as any other tax.

(h) (1) The treasurer or proper fiscal officer of each participating municipal corporation shall pay to the Board of Trustees the amount of the charges certified to the participating municipal corporation by the Board of Trustees as provided. The amounts certified by the Board of Trustees shall be paid within 30 days after the receipt of the certificate. Any participating municipal corporation that fails to pay the amounts certified under this section within the time required by law is liable for a penalty of 10 percent of the amount due. However, the Secretary of the Board may allow a grace period not to exceed 10 additional calendar days. All amounts due and unpaid on the date of payment also shall bear interest at the rate of 10 percent a year until the date of payment. The State Comptroller, on notification by the Secretary that a delinquency exists, immediately shall exercise the right of setoff against any money due or to become due to the delinquent participating municipal corporation.

(2) The treasurer or proper fiscal officer of each participating municipal corporation, also, shall pay to the Board of Trustees the amount of the deductions from the compensation of law enforcement officers OR FIRE FIGHTERS made in accordance with § 157B of this subtitle. Any participating municipal corporation that fails to pay the amounts certified under this section within the time required by law is liable for a penalty of 10 percent of the amounts due. However, the Secretary of the Board may allow a grace period not to exceed 10 additional calendar days. All amounts due and unpaid on the date of payment also shall bear interest at the rate of 10 percent a year until the date of payment. The State Comptroller, on notification by the Secretary that a delinquency exists, immediately shall exercise the right of setoff against any money due or to become due to the delinquent participating municipal corporation.

(i) On receipt of the payments from the treasurer or other officer of each participating municipal corporation, the custodian of the funds of this pension system, shall credit these amounts to the appropriate fund or account of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems.

(j) If the legislative body of a municipal corporation elects to withdraw from this pension system, the withdrawal shall be subject to the provisions of § 168 of this article.

(k) The general administration, funding, and responsibility for the proper operation of this pension system is vested in the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems. The proper operation of this pension system shall be that as provided for the operation of the Pension System for the Employees of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.