

others being applicable to the employees of any political subdivision who may have been enrolled as members of the State Employees' Retirement System. Also, with respect to the Teachers' Retirement System, the State of Maryland is declared to have the option of treating any institution of higher learning having teachers or other members as members of the Teachers' Retirement System as if that institution of higher learning had a separate retirement system.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 3(2)(c), 9(7), and 11(13) of Article 73B - Pensions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed and reenacted, with amendments, and transferred to the Session Laws, to read as follows:

[3.] 1.

The membership of the retirement system shall consist of the following:

[(2) (c)] Provided further that any desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly, who was receiving an annual salary as compensation for [such] THE employment as of February 1, 1961, and who previously served as a desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly and received per diem compensation for [such] THE previous service, shall be entitled to prior service credit equal to four years for any four-year term of a General Assembly during which [such] THE previous service was rendered.

[9.] 2.

[(7)(a)] Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in [this article] ARTICLE 73B OF THE CODE, every employee of the State or of a participating municipal corporation, who is or becomes a member of the Employees' Retirement System and who at any previous time since October 1, 1941, was an employee of the State or of one or more of the counties or municipal corporations of this State, and whose previous employment by the State or county or municipal corporation of this State was not terminated at [his] THE EMPLOYEE'S own volition, shall receive in the Employees' Retirement System service credit for the time spent as a member of the Employees' Retirement System in [such] THE previous employment so that [he] THE EMPLOYEE shall again be credited with all [his] THE EMPLOYEE'S creditable service as a member of the Employees' Retirement System, including prior service credit to which [he] THE EMPLOYEE was entitled during the previous employment. Upon receiving a claim for [such] THE service credit from [such] THE employee, the board of trustees of the retirement system shall verify the fact of [such] THE previous employment, the condition of the termination of [such] THE previous employment, and the creditable service to which the member is entitled, compute the amount due from [such] THE political subdivision for the service for which credit is claimed, and submit a statement to the county or municipal corporation for [such] THE amount, [such] THE computation to be based upon the compensation actually received by [such] THE employee from the county or municipal corporation during the period for which service is to be credited. The county or municipal corporation is authorized and directed forthwith