

**SUBTITLE 2A. PARTICIPATION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM.**

31-2A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "EFFECTIVE DATE" MEANS THE DATE THAT AN ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT COMMENCED OR COMMENCES PARTICIPATION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

(C) "ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" MEANS A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM UNDER § 31-2A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

(E) (1) "LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM" MEANS A RETIREMENT OR PENSION SYSTEM OF AN ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

(2) "LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM" INCLUDES THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM IF THE ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT PARTICIPATES UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

31-2A-02.

SUBJECT TO § 31-2A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM ARE:

- (1) COUNTIES; AND
- (2) MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

31-2A-03.

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.

31-2A-04.

IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 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.