

(A) EVERY JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, UPON RETIREMENT FOR ANY REASON, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A PENSION COMPUTED ON THE SAME BASIS AND AT THE SAME RATES AS ARE APPLICABLE TO A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AND THE SPOUSE OF ANY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SHALL LIKEWISE BE ENTITLED TO A PENSION COMPUTED ON THE SAME BASIS AND AT THE SAME RATES AND UPON THE SAME CONDITIONS AS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE SPOUSE OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

(B) IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE AND IN THOSE COUNTIES WHERE A JUDGE WHO, PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBTITLE, HAS ACQUIRED RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS OR RIGHTS BY VIRTUE OF CITY OR COUNTY LEGISLATION OR STATE LEGISLATION APPLYING TO A PARTICULAR LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR SUBDIVISIONS, AND WHICH JUDGE CONTINUES IN OFFICE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBTITLE, ALL PENSION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS OR RIGHTS SO ACQUIRED SHALL BE CONTINUED AND PAID AS PROVIDED UNDER THE PARTICULAR LEGISLATION CREATING THEM; BUT THE JUDGE OR HIS SURVIVING SPOUSE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, MAY ELECT TO RECEIVE THE STATE PENSION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) HEREINBEFORE DESCRIBED, COMPUTED ON THE BASIS OF YEARS OF FULL-TIME JUDICIAL SERVICE AT THE TIME OF MAKING THE ELECTION AS WELL AS YEARS OF JUDICIAL SERVICE THEREAFTER, AND ANY JUDGE WHO IS INELIGIBLE TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE BY REASON OF THE CONSTITUTION OR THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL NOT LOSE ANY PENSION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHICH HE HAS ACQUIRED UNDER ANY LAW PRIOR TO THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY, 1971.

(C) EVERY JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT WHO ELECTS TO RECEIVE THE PENSION PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR WHO IS OTHERWISE UNDER THIS PENSION PLAN, SHALL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE COST OF THIS PENSION AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIX PER CENTUM (6%) OF HIS ANNUAL COMPENSATION WHICH SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM HIS COMPENSATION EACH PAY PERIOD AND PAID TO THE STATE TREASURER. CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL NOT BE RETROACTIVE WITH RESPECT TO THOSE FULL-TIME JUDGES ALREADY IN OFFICE AND CARRIED OVER INTO THE DISTRICT COURT BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE BUT SHALL COMMENCE FOR THOSE JUDGES ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE ELECTION PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE EXERCISED WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY, 1971, PROVIDED THAT ANY JUDGE WHO INITIALLY DOES NOT ELECT TO BE UNDER THE PENSION PLAN PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION, BUT LATER WISHES TO DO SO, MUST UPON SUCH ELECTION, PAY IN A LUMP SUM IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS HE WOULD HAVE MADE IF INITIALLY UNDER THE PLAN FOR EACH YEAR AFTER