

and Pension System or the State Retirement Agency may receive a refund of the amount the retiree paid for the service credit plus interest at the rate of 4% per year compounded annually to the date of refund if:

- (1) the retiree purchased the service credit prior to July 1, 1999;
- (2) the retiree retired on July 1, 1999;
- (3) in purchasing the service credit based on the estimate received by the Board of Trustees or the State Retirement Agency, the Board of Trustees finds that the retiree acted to the retiree's detriment; and
- (4) the retiree files an application for the refund on or before December 31, 2002.

(b) (1) The retirement allowance of a retiree who receives a refund under subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the Board of Trustees to reflect the reduction in service credit resulting from the refund.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall calculate the amount that the retiree has been overpaid based on the retiree's adjusted retirement allowance determined under subsection (b)(1) of this section and reduce the retiree's refund by that amount.

SECTION 2. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 16, 2002.

CHAPTER 566

(House Bill 1285)

AN ACT concerning

Talbot County and Dorchester County, Dorchester, Caroline, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties - Chief Deputy Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs - Employment Status

FOR the purpose of establishing that a chief deputy sheriff or the managerial equivalent appointed by the Sheriff of Dorchester County, Caroline County, Kent County, or Queen Anne's County shall serve at the pleasure of the respective Sheriff; prohibiting the ~~Sheriff of Dorchester County and the Sheriff of Talbot County~~ Sheriffs of Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties from refusing to reappoint a deputy sheriff in the respective county without just cause; authorizing the ~~Sheriff~~ Sheriffs of Talbot County and Caroline counties to appoint a chief deputy sheriff or the managerial equivalent who shall serve at the pleasure of the respective Sheriff; and generally relating to the chief deputy sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in ~~Talbot County and in~~