

Sec. 145.033. (A) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 145.03 OF THE REVISED CODE, ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF ON JULY 1, 1981, WHO WAS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI IN THE CINCINNATI CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE AND WHO WAS A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM PRIOR TO THAT DATE MAY CHOOSE TO BE EXEMPT FROM COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON AND AFTER THAT DATE BY FILING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WHICH REQUEST SHALL BEAR THE SIGNATURE OF THE EMPLOYEE, WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD, PROVIDED THAT THE:

(1) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADOPT AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING SUCH EMPLOYEES WITH THE OPTION TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP IN THAT RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1981, UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION;

(2) EMPLOYEE FILES A REQUEST FOR HIS EXEMPTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT.

(B) NO EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE EARNABLE SALARY OR COMPENSATION OF, OR PAID TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON ACCOUNT OF, ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF WHO, THROUGH COMPLIANCE WITH DIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IS EXEMPT FROM COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County shall negotiate with authorized representatives of the City of Cincinnati Retirement System with an end to entering, and may develop and enter, into an agreement providing employees of the Hamilton County sheriff on July 1, 1981 who were in the employ of the City of Cincinnati in the Cincinnati Correctional Institute and who were contributing members of the City of Cincinnati Retirement System prior to that date with the option to continue membership in that retirement system on and after that date by complying with section 145.033 of the Revised Code and requiring the Board of County Commissioners to deduct and transmit employer and employee contributions to that retirement system for employees exercising the option.

If an agreement is entered into between the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County and the authorized representatives of the City of Cincinnati Retirement System on or after July 1, 1981, any employee who chooses to be exempt from compulsory membership in the Public Employees Retirement System by complying with section 145.033 of the Revised Code shall receive a refund from the Public Employees Retirement System of any money deducted from earnable salary or compensation and paid to that retirement system prior to the employee's filing his request for exemption.

Each employee of the Hamilton County sheriff who, prior to July 1, 1981, was a contributing member of the City of Cincinnati Retirement System and who becomes a member of the Public Employees Retirement System shall, in the computation of his years of service, be given full credit for the time he served in the employ of the City of Cincinnati provided that, for each year of such service purchased, the member pays into the Public Employees Retirement System, prior to July 1, 1982, the amount that the member would have paid through regular salary deductions had the member been a member of the Public

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Employees Retirement System during the period of his prior employment with the City of Cincinnati, with interest compounded annually thereon at a rate to be determined by the Public Employees Retirement Board.

Upon receiving payment in full from the member, the Public Employees Retirement System shall certify in writing to the City of Cincinnati the years of service for which the member is purchasing credit under this section. Notwithstanding section 145.44 of the Revised Code, the City of Cincinnati shall pay to the Public Employees Retirement System the amount the employer would have paid on account of the employee had the employee been a member of the Public Employees Retirement System during the period of his prior employment with the City of Cincinnati, plus interest compounded annually thereon at a rate to be determined by the Public Employees Retirement Board.

A member is ineligible to purchase under this section service credit that is used in the calculation of any retirement benefit currently being paid or payable in the future to the member from the City of Cincinnati Retirement System.

Service credit purchased under this section shall be considered the equivalent of Ohio service credit.

SECTION 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity lies in the fact that its enactment into law at the earliest possible time will afford the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County and the authorized representatives of the City of Cincinnati Retirement System sufficient time to negotiate and, if they so determine, to enter into the agreement authorized by Section 2 of this act. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

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