

House Bill 627

By: Representative Bannister of the 77<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 47-6-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an  
2 election as to coverage, required coverage under the Georgia Legislative Retirement System,  
3 state contributions, and the preservation of rights and privileges, so as to change the date for  
4 an election of membership; to change a date by which an election of creditable service must  
5 be made; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 47-6-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an election as  
10 to coverage, required coverage under the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, state  
11 contributions, and the preservation of rights and privileges, is amended by striking in its  
12 entirety paragraph (1) of subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(1) Any other ~~provisions~~ provision of subsection (a) of this Code section to the contrary  
14 notwithstanding, any member of the General Assembly who was serving as such on April  
15 13, ~~1979~~ 2002, and who, pursuant to said subsection (a) of this Code section, elected not  
16 to become a member of a public retirement system may at any time from July 1, ~~1988~~  
17 2002, until December 31, ~~1988~~ 2002, elect to become a member of this retirement  
18 system. Such election shall be made within such time limitation by written application  
19 to the board of trustees to become a member of this retirement system."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Code section is further amended by striking paragraph (4) of subsection (e) and  
22 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

23 "(4) A member of the General Assembly who was serving as such on April 13, 2002,  
24 seeking to obtain creditable service authorized under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall  
25 apply therefor to the board of trustees at the time such member applies for membership in

1 the retirement system under paragraph (1) of this subsection. The board of trustees shall  
2 certify to the applicant the amount of payments required under paragraph (2) of this  
3 subsection. Such payments must be made by December 31, ~~1988~~ 2002, and no creditable  
4 service may be obtained under this Code section after that date."

5 **SECTION 3.**

6 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2002, only if it is determined to have been  
7 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia  
8 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not  
9 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2002, as  
10 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

11 **SECTION 4.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.