

Chapter 328

(Senate Bill 913)

AN ACT concerning

**State Retirement and Pension System – Administration – Retiree Information
for Direct Mailings**

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain requests by retiree organizations to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System for certain information to assist in direct mailings to certain retirees must be made at certain times each year; and generally relating to direct mailings to retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–128(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–128(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

21–128.

(a) In this section, “retiree organization” means an organization in which State retirees participate and that has as one of its primary purposes, representing or providing services to State retirees.

(b) This section applies to any retiree organization that has the legal authority to provide services to retirees of the several systems.

(c) (1) A retiree organization may submit only [one request in both April and October of] **TWO REQUESTS** each year to the Board of Trustees to assist the retiree organization in performing direct mailings to retirees of the several systems who are members of the retiree organization or eligible to become members of the retiree organization.

(2) The direct mailings may not be for the purpose of supporting or opposing any political party, ballot measure, or candidate in any election, including any State general or primary election or any election within the retiree organization.

(3) (i) The Board of Trustees shall provide the retiree data for addressing envelopes only to the mail processing center under a secure data share agreement with the mail processing center under which neither the retiree organization nor any other entity has direct access to any names or addresses.

(ii) If the Board of Trustees provides any retiree data to a mail processing center under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Board of Trustees is not required to notify a retiree whose data is released of the provisions of § 21–504 of this title.

(4) (i) A retiree organization shall provide the Board of Trustees with copies of all materials that will be included in the direct mailing.

(ii) The Board of Trustees shall review the materials provided under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph before providing any retiree data to a mail processing center.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.