

## Elected Officials

Elected Officials may participate in the ERS provided the counties in which they reside have adopted a local Constitutional Amendment to provide for coverage of elected officials. The provisions of the Constitutional Amendment determine which elected official positions are eligible for ERS coverage.

The Elected Official must meet the same eligibility requirements as other participants of the ERS. The eligibility requirements may be reviewed in the [Mandatory Participation](#) section.

Elected Officials may purchase credit for their prior service as an Elected Official under the following conditions:

- ◆ Service must be in the same position that the Official is/was serving at time of ratification of the Constitutional Amendment.
- ◆ Public Official must pay an amount equal to the total contributions that would have been paid by the member had he or she been eligible to participate in the ERS during the period of claimed service plus eight percent (8%) interest compounded annually from the date of such service.
- ◆ Certification of Elected Official service must be provided to the ERS on a FORM F, SERVICE CALCULATION FORM. The employer should certify the dates of service and compensation paid by fiscal year (October 1 through September 30).
- ◆ Public Official may purchase the service provided he or she has not received credit for the service in any other public pension fund.

Elected officials who are retired ERS or TRS members and are in office when the Constitutional Amendment is adopted may continue to receive their retirement benefits provided that they elect not to join the ERS.