

Sec. 3309.07. (A) All elections for EMPLOYEE OR RETIRANT members of the school employees retirement board shall be held under the direction of the board.

(B) Any member of the school employees retirement system shall be eligible for election as an EMPLOYEE member of the board who has been nominated by a petition signed by at least five hundred members, provided that there shall be not less than twenty signers each from at least ten counties wherein such members are employed. THE PETITION SHALL SPECIFY THE TERM OF OFFICE AND POSITION. The name of any member so nominated shall be placed upon the ballot by the board as a regular candidate. Other names of eligible candidates may at any election be substituted for the regular candidates by writing such names upon the ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for any term as member of the board shall be elected for such term. IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH TWO EMPLOYEE MEMBER POSITIONS MUST BE FILLED, THE CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST AND SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICES.

(C) ANY SERVICE OR DISABILITY RETIRANT OF THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS THE RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY A PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM WHO ARE RECEIVING SERVICE OR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS CHAPTER. THE PETITION SHALL CONTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TEN SUCH RETIRANTS FROM

EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE COUNTIES WHEREIN SERVICE OR DISABILITY RETIRANTS UNDER THIS SYSTEM RESIDE. THE PETITION SHALL SPECIFY THE TERM OF OFFICE AND POSITION. THE NAME OF ANY RETIRANT SO NOMINATED SHALL BE PLACED UPON THE BALLOT BY THE BOARD AS A REGULAR CANDIDATE. OTHER NAMES OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MAY AT ANY ELECTION BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE REGULAR CANDIDATES BY WRITING SUCH NAMES UPON THE BALLOT. THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR ANY TERM AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED FOR SUCH TERM.

NO EMPLOYEE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO RETIRES WHILE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE MEMBER'S RETIREMENT.