

Sec. 5505.04. (A) The general administration and management of the state highway patrol retirement system and the making effective of this chapter are hereby vested in the state highway patrol retirement board. The board may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, contract and be contracted with, and do all things necessary to carry out this chapter.

The board shall consist of the auditor of state, the superintendent of the state highway patrol, a retirant-member who is a resident of this state, and four employee-members.

The board shall annually elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. The vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum and any action taken shall be approved by four or more of the members. The board shall meet not less than once each year, upon sufficient notice to the members. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public except executive sessions as set forth in division (G) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and any portions of any sessions discussing medical records or the degree of disability of a member excluded from public inspection by this section.

(B) The attorney general shall prescribe procedures for the adoption of rules authorized under this chapter, consistent with the provision of section 111.15 of the Revised Code under which all rules shall be filed in order to be effective. Such procedures shall establish methods by which notice of proposed rules are given to interested parties and rules adopted by the board published and otherwise made available. When it files a rule with the joint committee on agency rule review pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the board shall submit to the Ohio retirement study council a copy of the full text of the rule, and if applicable, a copy of the rule summary and fiscal analysis required by division (B) of section 127.18 of the Revised Code.

(C) ~~The~~ (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN DIVISION (C)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE retirant-member of the board shall be elected for a four-year term by a general election of service and disability retirants conducted in a manner approved by the board. The term of the initial retirant-member shall commence in August 1990. A person who at the time of retirement is an employee-member of the board is not eligible to become a retirant-member until three years after such person's retirement date. ~~Employee-members~~

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN DIVISION (C)(4) OF THIS SECTION, EMPLOYEE-MEMBERS of the board shall be elected for terms of four years by a general election of contributing members conducted in a manner approved by the board. The term of office of each employee-member shall commence in August of the year in which such member is elected. ~~Any~~

(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN DIVISION (C)(4) OF THIS SECTION, ANY vacancy occurring in the term of the retirant-member or any employee-member of the board shall be filled by an election conducted in the same manner as other retirant-member and employee-member elections. The retirant-member or employee-member elected shall fill the unexpired term.

(4) THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD AN ELECTION FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD AS A RETIRANT-MEMBER, EMPLOYEE-MEMBER, OR VACANCY FOR A RETIRANT-MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE-MEMBER IF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OR VACANCY IN THE MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD. THE CANDIDATE SHALL TAKE OFFICE AS IF ELECTED. IN THE CASE OF A RETIRANT-MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE-MEMBER, THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE FOUR YEARS BEGINNING IN AUGUST OF THE YEAR THE CANDIDATE WAS NOMINATED. IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY, THE CANDIDATE SHALL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(D)(1) As used in this division, "personal history record" means information maintained by the board on AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS a member, former member, retirant, or beneficiary that includes the address, telephone number, social security number, record of contributions, correspondence with the system, and other information the board determines to be confidential.

(2) The records of the board shall be open to public inspection, except for the following which shall be excluded: the member's, former member's, retirant's, or beneficiary's personal history record and the amount of a monthly allowance or benefit paid to a retirant, beneficiary, or survivor, except with the written authorization of the individual concerned. All medical reports and recommendations are privileged except that copies of such medical reports or recommendations shall be made available to the individual's personal physician, attorney, or authorized agent upon written release received from such individual or such individual's agent, or when necessary for the proper administration of the fund to the board-assigned physician.

(E) Notwithstanding the exceptions to public inspection in division (D)(2) of this section, the board may furnish the following information:

(1) If a member, former member, or retirant is subject to an order issued under section 2907.15 of the Revised Code or is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of section 2921.41 of the Revised Code, on written request of a prosecutor as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code, the board shall furnish to the prosecutor the information requested from the individual's personal history record.

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(2) Pursuant to a court order issued under section 3113.21 of the Revised Code, the board shall furnish to a court or child support enforcement agency the information required under that section.

(3) At the written request of any nonprofit organization or association providing services to retirement system members, retirants, or beneficiaries, the board shall provide to the organization or association a list of the names and addresses of members, former members, retirants, or beneficiaries if the organization or association agrees to use such information solely in accordance with its stated purpose of providing services to such individuals and not for the benefit of other persons, organizations, or associations. The costs of compiling, copying, and mailing the list shall be paid by such entity.

(4) Within fourteen days after receiving from the director of job and family services a list of the names and social security numbers of recipients of public assistance pursuant to section 5101.181 of the Revised Code, the board shall inform the auditor of state of the name, current or most recent employer address, and social security number of each member whose name and social security number are the same as those of a person whose name or social security number was submitted by the director. The board and its employees, except for purposes of furnishing the auditor of state with information required by this section, shall preserve the confidentiality of recipients of public assistance in compliance with division (A) of section 5101.181 of the Revised Code.

(5) THE SYSTEM SHALL COMPLY WITH ORDERS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 3105.87 OF THE REVISED CODE.

ON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF AN ALTERNATE PAYEE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3105.80 OF THE REVISED CODE, THE SYSTEM SHALL FURNISH TO THE ALTERNATE PAYEE INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT AND STATUS OF ANY AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO THE ALTERNATE PAYEE UNDER AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER SECTION 3105.171 OR 3105.65 OF THE REVISED CODE.

(F) A statement that contains information obtained from the system's records that is certified and signed by an officer of the retirement system and to which the system's official seal is affixed, or copies of the system's records to which the signature and seal are attached, shall be received as true copies of the system's records in any court or before any officer of this state.