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Sec. 145.03. A public employees retirement system is hereby created for the PUBLIC employees of the state and of the several local authorities mentioned in section 145.01 of the Revised Code. Membership in the system is compulsory upon being employed, except that a student WHO IS NOT A MEMBER AT THE TIME OF HIS EMPLOYMENT AND whose employment WITH THE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY IN WHICH HE IS ENROLLED AND REGULARLY ATTENDING CLASSES will not exceed fifteen hundred hours in any calendar year or any new employee, not a member at the time of his employment, whose employment will not exceed twenty hours per week, may choose to be exempt EXEMPTED from compulsory membership by signing a written application for exemption within the first month after being employed AND FILING THE APPLICATION WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOY-EES RETIREMENT BOARD.

A temporary or emergency employee whose employment will not exceed three calendar months AN ELECTION WORKER WHO IS PAID LESS THAN THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CALENDAR YEAR FOR SUCH SERVICE may CHOOSE TO be exempted from compulsory membership by signing a written application for exemption within the first month after being employed AND FILING THE APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD. The application

ALL APPLICATIONS, when approved by the public employees retirement board and filed with the employer, shall be irrevocable while the employee is continuously employed in such part-time EXEMPTED capacity and the employee shall forever be barred from claiming or purchasing membership rights or credit for the particular period covered by the exemption. Any employee who is, or who becomes a member, shall continue the membership as long as he is a public employee, even though he may be in or transferred to an exempted class or group.

A public employee, as defined in division (A) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code, who is employed by a private temporary help service and

performs services under the direction of an employer, as defined in division (D) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code, or who is employed on a contractual basis by such an employer, or who is employed under a personal service contract, does not become a member of the public employees retirement system.

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