

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 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 public employees retirement board.

~~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.~~

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 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.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding sections 145.012 and 145.03 of the Revised Code as they existed immediately prior to being amended by this act, each election worker who is paid less than \$500 for the 1991 calendar year for such service and who was employed as an election worker on or after July 1, 1991, and prior to the effective date of this act shall be excluded from membership in the Public Employees Retirement System unless within 30 days of the effective date of this act any such election worker in writing notifies the Public Employees Retirement Board that he is electing

to be a member of the Public Employees Retirement System for purposes of his employment as an election worker during that period.

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