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substituted for the regular candidates by writing the names of such persons upon the ballot. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes for any term as ~~the~~ a retirant member of the board shall be elected to office on certification of the election results in accordance with rules adopted under section 145.058 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 145.051. If a person elected to serve on the public employees retirement board is unable to assume office at the January meeting of the board following the person's election, a special election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of section 145.05 of the Revised Code within three months of the January meeting. On certification of the elections results, the newly elected person shall assume office at the meeting of the board immediately following the special election.

~~Sec. 145.051~~ 145.052. Notwithstanding sections 145.04 and 145.05 of the Revised Code, the public employees retirement board is not required to hold an election, including a special election under section ~~145.06~~ 145.051 of the Revised Code, for a position on the board as an employee member or retirant member if only one candidate has been nominated for the position by petition in accordance with section 145.05 of the Revised Code. The candidate shall take office as if elected. The term of office shall be four years beginning on the first day of January following the date the candidate was nominated.

Sec. 145.053. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make expenditures on behalf of the candidate.

(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated pursuant to division (C) or (D) of section 145.05 of the Revised Code for election to the public employees retirement board or who is seeking to be elected to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 145.06 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, which contribution is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the results of an election to the public employees retirement board under section 145.05 of the Revised Code, including a special election provided for by section 145.051 of the Revised Code, or the results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 145.06 of the Revised Code. "Contribution" does not include: