

Term of office; election of employee members; eligibility; nomination by petition.

Sec. 145.05. The terms of office of employee members of the public employees retirement board shall be for a period of four years each. The

election of the county employee member of the board and the employee member of the board representing public library employees, health district, park district, conservancy district, and sanitary district employees, and township and metropolitan housing authority employees, and union cemetery, joint hospital and institutional commissary employees shall be held on the first Monday in October, 1945, and on that day in each fourth year thereafter. The election of the state employee member of the board and the municipal employee member of the board shall be held on the first Monday in October, 1946, and on that day in each fourth year thereafter.

**** All elections for members of the public employees retirement board shall be held under the direction of the board. Any member of the public employees retirement system shall be eligible for election as a member of the board to represent the employee group of which he is a member, provided he has been nominated by a petition or petitions signed by at least five hundred members of the employee group to be represented and further provided that there shall be not less than twenty such signers from at least ten counties of the state. The name of any member so nominated shall be placed upon the ballot by the board as a regular candidate. Names of other eligible candidates may at any election be substituted for the regular candidates by writing such names upon the ballots. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes for any term as a member of the board shall be elected. Any candidate shall be a member of the group he is to represent.*

SECTION 3. Any member, eligible for any of the retirement allowances or other benefits provided in Chapters 145., 3307., and 3309. of the Revised Code as of June 30, 1959, or July 1, 1959, and who terminated his public service during the month of June, 1959, but did not file an application for retirement, may file, as provided by law, during the month of July, 1959, and shall be eligible for retirement as of June 30, 1959, or July 1, 1959, and such allowances or benefits shall be payable from and after July 1, 1959, and any such member or any member retiring on June 30, 1959, or July 1, 1959, voluntarily or otherwise, shall be eligible for allowances or benefits as computed under the provisions of this act.

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