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day of the one-hundred-eighty-day period, the individual is deemed to have elected to participate in the PERS defined benefit plan.

- (B) An election under this section shall be made in writing on a form provided by the system and filed with the system.
- (C) An election under this section shall take effect on the date employment began and, except as provided in section 145.814 of the Revised Code or rules governing the PERS defined benefit plan, is irrevocable on receipt by the system.
- (D) An individual is ineligible to make an election under this section if one of the following applies:
- (1) At the time employment begins, the <u>The</u> individual is a PERS retirant or other system retirant, as those terms are defined in section 145.38 of the Revised Code, or is retired under section 145.383 of the Revised Code.
- (2) The individual is participating or has elected to participate in an alternative retirement plan under section 3305.05 or 3305.051 of the Revised Code and the employment is in a position that is subject to division (C)(4) of section 3305.05 or division (F) of section 3305.051 of the Revised Code.
- (3) The individual is a contributor who, as of the last day of the month prior to the date employment begins, has five or more years of total service eredit has contributions standing to the individual's credit in the employees' savings fund or defined contribution fund established under section 145.23 of the Revised Code.
- (4) The individual is employed in a position covered under this chapter to which section 145.193 of the Revised Code applies.
- (5) The individual is a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer.

Sec. 145.191. (A) Except as provided in division (E)(F) of this section, a public employees retirement system member or contributor who, as of the last day of the month immediately preceding the date on which the public employees retirement board first establishes a PERS defined contribution plan December 31, 2002, has less than five years of total service credit is eligible to make an election under this section. A member or contributor who is employed in more than one position subject to this chapter is eligible to make only one election. The election applies to all positions subject to this chapter.

Not later than one hundred eighty days after the day the board first establishes a PERS defined contribution plan June 30, 2003, an eligible member or contributor may elect to participate in a PERS defined

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contribution plan. If <u>Unless</u> a form evidencing an election is not received by the system not later than the last day of the one hundred eighty day period on or before that date, a member or contributor to whom this section applies is deemed to have elected to continue participating in the PERS defined benefit plan.

- (B) An election under this section shall be made in writing on a form provided by the system and filed with the system.
- (C) On receipt of the request of a member or contributor who made an election under this section, the system shall do both of the following:
 - (1) Credit credit to the plan elected both of the following:
- (a) Any employer contributions attributable to the member for the period beginning on the day the board first established a PERS defined contribution plan;
- (b) All the accumulated contributions attributable standing to the credit of the member or contributor.
- (2) Cancel in the employees' savings fund and cancel all service credit and eligibility for any payment, benefit, or right under the PERS defined benefit plan.
- (D) For each member or contributor who elected under this section to participate in a PERS defined contribution plan and made a request under division (C) of this section, any additional deposits that were made by the member or contributor prior to April 6, 2007, under the version of division (C) of section 145.23 of the Revised Code as it existed immediately prior to that date shall be credited to the defined contribution plan.
- (E) An election under this section is effective as of the date the board first established a PERS defined contribution plan January 1, 2003, and, except as provided in section 145.814 of the Revised Code or rules governing the PERS defined benefit plan, is irrevocable on receipt by the system.
- (E)(F) An election may not be made under this section by a member or contributor who is either of the following:
- (1) A PERS retirant who is a member under division (C)(D) of section 145.38 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) A PERS law enforcement officer or a PERS public safety officer.

Sec. 145.192. Except as provided in section 145.195, 145.814 and, or in division (C) of section 145.82 of the Revised Code, a member of the public employees retirement system who elects to participate in a PERS defined contribution plan shall be ineligible for any benefit or payment under the PERS defined benefit plan and shall be forever barred from claiming or purchasing service credit with the system or any other Ohio state retirement