

Elective officials may join system; credit for prior service.

Sec. 145.20. Any elective official of the state of Ohio or of any political subdivision thereof having employees in the public employees retirement system shall be considered as an employee of the state or such political subdivision, and may become a member of the system upon application to the public employees retirement board, with all the rights, privileges, and obligations of membership. Service as any such elective official by any member of the system rendered prior to January 1, 1935, shall be included as prior service, provided the member has completed three years of contributing service, or the equivalent thereof, in the public employees retirement system subsequent to the date that membership is established.

Credit for service between January 1, 1935, and the date that membership is established, may be secured by such elective official provided he pays into the employees' savings fund an amount equal to the accumulated contributions of such member had he been a member during such period and completes one and one-half years of contributing membership, or the equivalent thereof, in the public employees retirement system subsequent to the date membership was established. The public employees retirement board shall determine the amount and manner of payment of such contributions.

Any member who was an elective official of the state of Ohio or any political subdivision thereof shall be entitled to have his retirement allowance computed *** as provided in division (E) of sections 145.33 and 145.34 of the Revised Code, notwithstanding the provision requiring three or more years of total service credit within the ten years immediately prior to retirement.