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Sec. 3307.07. All elections of members of the state teachers retirement board shall be held under the direction of the board. Any member of the state teachers retirement system, who has been nominated by a petition signed by five hundred or more members of the system, shall be eligible for election as a teacher member of the board. The petition shall contain the signatures of twenty or more members of the system from each of at least ten counties wherein members of the system are employed.

Any retired teacher who is a recipient of service retirement benefits under section 3307.38 OR 3307.39 of the Revised Code and is a resident of Ohio is eligible for election as the retired teacher member of the board, if such retired teacher has been nominated by a petition signed by five hundred or more retired teachers, who are also recipients of benefits under section 3307.38 OR 3307.39 of the Revised Code. The petition shall contain the signatures of twenty or more retired teachers from each of at least ten counties wherein retirants under the system reside.

The board shall place the name of any eligible candidate upon the appropriate ballot as a regular candidate. At any election, qualified voters, as defined in this section, may vote for the regular candidates or for other eligible candidates, in which case the names of such persons shall be written upon the appropriate ballots, except that members of the system

and former members of the system who are recipients of service retirement benefits under section 3307.38 OR 3307.39 of the Revised Code shall vote respectively for teacher members and the retired teacher member of the board. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes for any term of office shall be elected to the board. If, at any election, teacher members are to be elected for concurrent terms, eligible candidates shall be placed on the ballot, and the candidates who receive the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to the board.

Elected members of the board shall be elected on the basis of the total number of ballots cast by qualified voters, who shall consist of members of the system and former members of the system who are recipients of service retirement benefits under section 3307.38 OR 3307.39 of the Revised Code.

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