Method of election for board members.

Sec. 3309.07. All *** elections for members of the school employees retirement board shall be held under the direction of the board. Any member of the school employees retirement system shall be eligible for election as a member of the board *** who has been nominated by a petition signed by at least five hundred members, provided that there shall be not less than twenty signers each from at least ten counties wherein such members are employed. The name of any member so nominated shall be placed upon the *** ballot by the board as a regular candidate. Other names of eligible candidates may at any election be substituted for the regular candidates by writing such names upon the *** ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for any term as member of the board shall be elected for such term.

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.