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finding shall include a full, detailed statement of the reasons for the removal. The finding shall be filed with the clerk of the court and be made a matter of public record.

The board member has the right to appeal to the court of appeals.

(E) No individual who has been removed from the board pursuant to this section shall be eligible to fill an elective or appointed position as a member of the board.

Sec. 3309.07. (A) All elections for employee or retirant members of the school employees retirement board shall be held under the direction of the board in accordance with rules adopted under section 3309.075 of the Revised Code.

(B) Any member of the school employees retirement system, other than a disability benefit recipient, shall be eligible to be nominated for election as an employee member of the board who has been nominated by a petition that is signed by at least five hundred members and certified in accordance with rules adopted under section 3309.075 of the Revised Code. The petition shall contain the signatures of not less than twenty members each from at least ten counties wherein such members are employed. The petition shall specify the term of office and position. 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 on certification of the election results in accordance with rules adopted under section 3309.075 of the Revised Code. In any year in which two employee member or two retirant member positions must be filled, the candidates who receive the highest and second highest number of votes shall be elected to the offices on certification of the election results in accordance with rules adopted under section 3309.075 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any former member of the school employees retirement system described in division ~~(D)~~(A)(3) of section 3309.05 of the Revised Code is eligible for election as a retirant member of the board to represent former members currently receiving an age and service retirement benefit, a disability benefit, or benefits under a plan established under section 3309.81 of the Revised Code, provided that such person has been nominated by a petition that is certified in accordance with rules adopted under section 3309.075 of the Revised Code and signed by at least one hundred fifty former members of the system who are currently receiving an age and service retirement benefit, a disability benefit, or benefits under a plan

established under section 3309.81 of the Revised Code. The petition shall contain the signatures of at least ten such recipients from each of at least five counties wherein recipients of benefits from this system reside. The petition shall specify the term of office and position. The name of any person 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 on certification of the election results in accordance with rules adopted under section 3309.075 of the Revised Code.

No employee member of the board who retires while a member of the board shall be eligible to become a retirant member of the board for three years after the date of the member's retirement.

Sec. 3309.072. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make expenditures on behalf of the candidate.

(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated pursuant to section 3309.07 of the Revised Code for election to the school employees retirement board or who is seeking to be elected to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (D) of section 3309.06 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, which contribution is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the results of an election to the school employees retirement board under section 3309.07 of the Revised Code or the results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (C) of section 3309.06 of the Revised Code. "Contribution" does not include:

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person;

(b) Ordinary home hospitality;

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that volunteer campaign worker.

(4) "Election day" means the following, as appropriate to the situation:

(a) The first Monday in March of a year for which section 3309.06 of the Revised Code specifies that an election for a member of the school