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Sec. 5505.043. The state highway patrol retirement board is not required to hold an election for a position on the board as a retirant member, employee member, or vacancy for a retirant member or employee member if only one candidate has been nominated for the position or vacancy in accordance with rules governing the election adopted under section 5505.047 of the Revised Code. The candidate shall take office as if elected. In the case of a retirant member or employee member, the term of office shall be four years beginning in August of the year the candidate was nominated. In the case of a vacancy, the candidate shall fill the unexpired term.