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Sec. 742.04. As used in this section, "county" means the county of residence of an individual who signs a nominating petition.

Election of the employee members, firefighter retirant member, and police retirant member of the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund shall be under the supervision and direction of the board in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code.

Nominating petitions for candidates for an employee member of the board elected by police officers shall be signed by at least one hundred police officers, with at least twenty signers from each of at least five counties of the state, and certified in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code.

Nominating petitions for candidates for an employee member of the board elected by firefighters shall be signed by at least one hundred firefighters, with at least twenty signers from each of at least five counties of the state, and certified in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code.

Nominating petitions for candidates for an employee member of the board shall be filed in the office of the board not later than four p.m. on the first Monday in April preceding the date of the expiration of the term of the employee member of the board whose successor is to be elected.

~~The board shall determine the sufficiency of the nominating petitions filed with it and the board's decision shall be final.~~

The board shall cause ballots to be prepared for the election of employee members of the board which shall contain the names of all candidates for whom proper certified nominating petitions have been filed with the board.

A police officer or firefighter is eligible to vote in an election if the police officer or firefighter is a member of the fund on the first Monday in March preceding the date of the expiration of the term of the employee member of the board whose successor is to be elected. The board shall

determine whether a member of the fund is eligible to vote at an election and its decision shall be final.

On or before the first Monday in May preceding the date of the expiration of the term of the employee member of the board whose successor is to be elected, the board shall cause ballots to be sent to each member of the fund who is eligible to vote at such election to the address of such member as shown on the records of the board.

Ballots shall be returned to the board not later than the third Tuesday in May following the date that the ballots were mailed to the members of the fund eligible to vote at such election.

~~The board shall cause the ballots to be counted and shall declare~~ On certification of the election results in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code, the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as an employee member of the board for a term of four years beginning on the first Monday in June following such election.

Nominating petitions for candidates for the police retirant member of the board shall be signed by at least fifty police retirants, with at least ten signers from at least five counties of the state, and certified in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code.

Nominating petitions for candidates for the firefighter retirant member of the board shall be signed by at least fifty firefighter retirants, with at least ten signers from at least five counties of the state, and certified in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code.

Nominating petitions for candidates for the retirant members of the board shall be filed in the office of the board not later than four p.m. on the first Monday in April preceding the date of the expiration of the term of the retirant member of the board whose successor is to be elected.

~~The board shall determine the sufficiency of the nominating petitions filed with it, and the board's decision shall be final.~~

The board shall cause ballots to be prepared for the election of these board members which shall contain the names of all candidates for whom proper certified nominating petitions have been filed with the board.

A retirant is eligible to vote in an election if the retirant is a police retirant or firefighter retirant on the first Monday in April preceding the date of the expiration of the term of the retirant member of the board whose successor is to be elected. The board shall determine whether a police retirant or firefighter retirant is eligible to vote at an election and its decision shall be final.

On or before the first Monday in May preceding the date of the

expiration of the term of a retirant member of the board whose successor is to be elected, the board shall cause ballots to be sent to each person who is eligible to vote in the election to the address of the person as shown on the records of the board.

Ballots shall be returned to the board not later than the third Tuesday in May following the date that the ballots were mailed to the persons eligible to vote in the election.

~~The board shall cause the ballots to be counted and shall declare~~ On certification of the election results in accordance with rules adopted under section 742.045 of the Revised Code, the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as the police retirant member or the firefighter retirant member of the board for a term of four years beginning on the first Monday in June following the election.