Sec. 145.05. (A) The terms of the of employee members of the public employees retirement boats, and be for a same of four years each. The election of the country employee member of the board and the employee member of the board representing public library employees, health district, park district, conservancy district, and sanitary district employees, and, township and, metropolitan housing authority employees, and, union cemetery, joint hospital, and institutional commissary employees shall be held on the first Monday in October, 1945, and on that day THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER in each fourth year thereafter. The election of the state employee member of the board and the municipal employee member of the board shall be held on the first Monday in October, 1946, and on that day THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTO-BER in each fourth year thereafter. THE ELECTION OF THE INITIAL UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE EMPLOYEE MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER, 1978, AND ELECTIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT UNI-VERSITY-COLLEGE EMPLOYEE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER IN EACH FOURTH YEAR THEREAFTER.

- (B) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS. THE ELECTION OF THE INITIAL RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER, 1978, AND ELECTIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT RETIRANT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER IN EACH FOURTH YEAR THEREAFTER.
- (C) All elections for EMPLOYEE members of the public employees retirement board shall be held under the direction of the board. Any member of the public employees retirement system shall be, EXCEPT A MEMBER WHO IS RECEIVING A DIS-ABILITY ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS CHAPTER, IS eligible for election as a AN EMPLOYEE member of the board to represent the employee group of which he is a member, provided THAT he has been nominated by a petition or petitions signed by at least five hundred members of the employee group to be represented and further provided that there shall be not less than twenty such signers from EACH OF at least ten counties of the state. The name of any member so nominated shall be placed upon the ballot by the board as a regular candidate. Names of other eligible candidates may, at any election, be substituted for the regular candidates by writing such names upon the ballots. The eandidates receiving CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES the highest number of votes for any term as a PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE member of POSITION ON the board shall be elected TO THAT OFFICE. Any candidate shall be a member of the group he is to represent.

(D) ALL ELECTIONS FOR THE RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD SHALL BE HELD UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD. ANY FORMER MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIRE-MENT SYSTEM WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF SERVICE RE-TIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND A RESI-DENT OF THIS STATE, AND ANY MEMBER OF THE SYS-TEM WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF A DISABILITY ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS THE RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO REPRESENT THE SERVICE AND DISABIL-ITY RETIRANTS OF THE SYSTEM, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY A PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM WHO ARE RECEIVING SERVICE RETIRE-MENT BENEFITS UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM WHO ARE RECEIVING DISABILITY ALLOW-ANCES UNDER THIS CHAPTER, OR ANY COMBINATION OF SUCH SERVICE AND DISABILITY RETIRANTS THAT TOTALS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY. THE PETITION SHALL CONTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TEN SUCH RETIRANTS FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE COUNTIES WHEREIN SER-VICE OR DISABILITY RETIRANTS UNDER THE SYSTEM RESIDE.

THE NAME OF ANY DISABILITY OR SERVICE RETIRANT UNDER THE SYSTEM NOMINATED IN THIS MANNER SHALL BE PLACED UPON THE BALLOT BY THE BOARD AS A REGULAR CANDIDATE. NAMES OF OTHER ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MAY, AT ANY ELECTION FOR THE RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD, BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE REGULAR CANDIDATES BY WRITING THE NAMES OF SUCH PERSONS UPON THE BALLOT. THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR ANY TERM AS THE RETIRANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED TO OFFICE.

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