

SB2818



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/17-139

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-139

Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning trustees elected by contributors who are not administrators, provides that candidacy petitions shall be filed with the recording secretary of the Fund on or before October 1st of the election year (instead of on or after September 15 of each year and not later than October 1st of that year). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
5 changing Section 17-139 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/17-139) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-139)

7 Sec. 17-139. Board elections and vacancies.

8 (1) Contributors other than administrators election. Every
9 member who is not an administrator may vote at the election for
10 as many persons as there are trustees to be elected by the
11 contributors who are not administrators, provided that the
12 contributor obtained that voter eligibility status on or
13 before October 1 of the election year. The name of a candidate
14 shall not be placed on the ballot unless he or she has been
15 assigned on a regular certificate for at least 10 years in the
16 Chicago public schools or charter schools and nominated by a
17 petition signed by not less than 200 contributors who are not
18 administrators.

19 Petitions shall be filed with the recording secretary of
20 the Fund on or before ~~after September 15 of each year and not~~
21 ~~later than~~ October 1st of the election ~~that~~ year. No more than
22 one candidate may be nominated by any one petition. If the
23 nominations do not exceed the number of candidates to be

1 elected, the canvassing board shall declare the nominated
2 candidates elected. Otherwise, candidates receiving the
3 highest number of votes cast for their respective terms shall
4 be declared elected. The location and number of polling places
5 shall be designated by the Board.

6 Elections to fill vacancies on the Board shall be held at
7 the next annual election.

8 (2) Pensioners election. The name of a candidate shall not
9 be placed on the ballot unless he or she has been nominated by
10 a petition signed by not less than 100 pensioners of the Fund.
11 Petitions shall be filed with the recording secretary of the
12 Fund on or before October 1 of the odd-numbered year. If the
13 nominations do not exceed 3, the mailing of ballots shall be
14 eliminated and the nominated candidates shall be declared
15 elected. Otherwise, the 3 candidates receiving the highest
16 number of votes cast shall be declared elected.

17 (3) Administrators election. The name of a candidate shall
18 not be placed on the ballot unless he or she has been nominated
19 by a petition signed by at least 25 contributors who are
20 administrators. Petitions shall be filed with the recording
21 secretary of the Fund on or before October 1 of the election
22 year. Every member who is an administrator may vote at the
23 election for one candidate who is a contributor who is an
24 administrator, provided that the member obtained such voter
25 eligibility status on or before October 1 of the election
26 year. If only one eligible candidate is nominated, the

1 election shall not be held and the nominated candidate shall
2 be declared elected. Otherwise, the candidate receiving the
3 highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.

4 (4) Vacancies. The Board may fill vacancies occurring in
5 the membership of the Board elected by the administrators,
6 teachers other than administrators, or pensioners at any
7 regular meeting of the Board. The Board of Education may fill
8 vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board appointed
9 by the Board of Education at any regular meeting of the Board
10 of Education.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-449, eff. 8-16-13.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.