

SB2826



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Chris Balkema

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/7-174

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-174

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that no person who has earned creditable service through employment by the Fund shall be eligible to serve as a trustee.

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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 7-174 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-174) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-174)
7 Sec. 7-174. Board created.

8 (a) A board of 8 members shall constitute a board of
9 trustees authorized to carry out the provisions of this
10 Article. Each trustee shall be a participating employee of a
11 participating municipality or participating instrumentality or
12 an annuitant of the Fund and no person shall be eligible to
13 become a trustee after January 1, 1979 who does not have the
14 minimum service credit in this Fund to qualify for a pension.

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, on
16 and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
17 104th General Assembly, no person who has earned creditable
18 service through employment by the Fund shall be eligible to
19 serve as a trustee.

20 (b) The board shall consist of representatives of various
21 groups as follows:

22 1. 4 trustees shall be a chief executive officer,
23 chief finance officer, or other officer, executive or

1 department head of a participating municipality or
2 participating instrumentality, and each such trustee shall
3 be designated as an executive trustee.

4 2. 3 trustees shall be employees of a participating
5 municipality or participating instrumentality and each
6 such trustee shall be designated as an employee trustee. A
7 person who meets the criteria to be an executive trustee
8 may not serve as an employee trustee.

9 3. One trustee shall be an annuitant of the Fund, who
10 shall be designated the annuitant trustee.

11 (c) A person elected as a trustee shall qualify as a
12 trustee, after declaration by the board that he has been duly
13 elected, upon taking and subscribing to the constitutional
14 oath of office and filing same in the office of the Fund.

15 (d) The term of office of each trustee shall begin upon
16 January 1 of the year following the year in which he is elected
17 and shall continue for a period of 5 years and until a
18 successor has been elected and qualified, or until prior
19 resignation, death, incapacity or disqualification.

20 (e) Any elected trustee (other than the annuitant trustee)
21 shall be disqualified immediately upon termination of
22 employment with all participating municipalities and
23 instrumentalities thereof or upon any change in status which
24 removes any such trustee from all employments within the group
25 he represents. The annuitant trustee shall be disqualified
26 upon termination of his or her annuity.

1 (e-5) Notwithstanding any other provision, an elected
2 trustee shall not be considered disqualified due to
3 termination of participation under subsection (e) if:

4 (1) he or she thereafter begins participation with a
5 different participating employer;

6 (2) there is no gap in service credit established
7 under this Article; and

8 (3) the trustee continues to meet all eligibility
9 requirements under subsection (b) for the same type of
10 trustee position.

11 (f) The trustees shall fill any vacancy in the board by
12 appointment, for the period until the next election of
13 trustees, or, if the remaining term is less than 2 years, for
14 the remainder of the term, and until his successor has been
15 elected and qualified.

16 (g) Trustees shall serve without compensation, but shall
17 be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred in
18 attending meetings of the board and in performing duties on
19 behalf of the Fund and for the amount of any earnings withheld
20 by any employing municipality or participating instrumentality
21 because of attendance at any board meeting.

22 (h) Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on any and
23 all actions before the board. At least 5 concurring votes
24 shall be necessary for every decision or action by the board at
25 any of its meetings. No decision or action shall become
26 effective unless presented and so approved at a regular or

1 duly called special meeting of the board.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-479, eff. 8-20-21; 103-464, eff. 8-4-23.)