

**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT OF 1984 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 427 of 1984**

**38.1545 Annual meeting; selection of members to retirement board; transaction of business; notice of meeting; certification of delegates; conduct of election; nominating procedures; referendum.**

Sec. 45.

(1) The retirement board shall call an annual meeting of the retirement system for the purpose of selecting members of the retirement board and the transaction of such other business as the retirement board determines. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to each participating municipality and participating court, by registered mail, at least 30 days before the date of the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to each retiree at least 30 days before the date of the meeting.

(2) The governing body of each participating municipality shall certify the names of 2 delegates to the annual meeting. One delegate shall be a member who is an officer of the participating municipality, selected by the governing body of the participating municipality. The other delegate shall be a member who is not an officer of the participating municipality, elected by the member employees of the participating municipality. The election shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted by an officer of the participating municipality. The election shall be conducted in a manner that affords each member employee an opportunity to vote.

(3) The chief judge of each participating court shall certify the names of 2 delegates to the annual meeting. One delegate shall be a member who is an officer of the participating court, selected by the chief judge of the participating court. The other delegate shall be a member who is not an officer of the participating court, elected by the member employees of the participating court. The election shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted by an officer of the participating court. The election shall be conducted in a manner that affords each member employee an opportunity to vote.

(4) The nomination of candidates for election to the retirement board shall be made pursuant to procedures established by the retirement board and adopted by the delegates to an annual meeting of the retirement system. A nomination for the position of officer board member shall be made by a member who is an officer of a participating municipality or of a participating court. A nomination for the position of employee board member shall be made by a member who is not an officer of a participating municipality or of a participating court.

(5) The retirement board shall hold a referendum of the assembled delegates to elect members of the retirement board. The referendum shall be conducted pursuant to procedures established by the retirement board and adopted by the delegates to an annual meeting of the retirement system. An individual elected to the retirement board shall become a member of the retirement board on the January 1 immediately following the referendum.

**History:** 1984, Act 427, Imd. Eff. Jan. 2, 1985 ;-- Am. 1988, Act 500, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1988 ;-- Am. 1996, Act 220, Eff. Aug. 15, 1996

**Compiler's Notes:** Section 4 of Act 220 of 1996, which amendatory act amended this section, provides:â€œSection 4. (1) This amendatory act shall not take effect unless submitted to a vote of the official delegates who are certified as provided for in section 45 of the municipal employees retirement act of 1984, Act No. 427 of the Public Acts of 1984, being section 38.1545 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and ratified by a 2/3 majority of the delegates actually voting on the question. The question of adoption of this amendatory act shall be submitted by certified mail to the delegates as certified to the most recent annual meeting of the municipal employees retirement system or, if no such delegates were certified or if previously certified delegates are no longer employed, then those delegates as certified by the participating municipality or participating court within 60 days after the enactment of this amendatory act. To be valid, each delegate's vote shall be received at the place designated by the retirement system no later than 75 days from the date of enactment of this amendatory act. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:â€œShall Act No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Public Acts of 1996, entitled 'An act to amend the municipal employees retirement act of 1984', providing for the retirement system to become a public corporation be adopted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_â€(2) The retirement board of the municipal employees retirement system shall certify in writing the results of the voting on the question and file the certification with the secretary of state not later than the fifth business day following the tally of the votes. If a 2/3 majority of the delegates voting on the question approve the adoption of this amendatory act, the provisions of this amendatory act shall become effective on the date that is 10 calendar days after the filing of the certification with the secretary of state, which date shall be set forth in the filing and shall be known as the certification date.â€The official tally of the vote on the question having occurred at the Special Meeting of the Board held on August 1, 1996, resulting in a determination that more than a two-thirds majority of the delegates voting on the question approved the adoption of Act 220 of 1996, a certification of the results of the voting was filed with the Secretary of State on August 5, 1996. The certification provided that the effective date of Act 220 of 1996 shall be August 15, 1996, which date shall be officially known as the â€œcertification date.â€