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Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 84-1501,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the
- 3 Public Employees Retirement Board as prescribed; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 84-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 84-1501 (1) The Public Employees Retirement Board is hereby
4 established.

5 (2)(a) The board shall consist of nine appointed members as
6 described in this subsection and the state investment officer as a
7 nonvoting, ex officio member. Seven of the appointed members shall be
8 active or retired participants in the retirement systems administered by
9 the board, and two of the appointed members (i) shall not be employees of
10 the State of Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions and (ii) shall
11 have at least ten years of experience in the management of a public or
12 private organization or have at least ~~ten~~ five years of experience in the
13 field of actuarial analysis or the administration of an employee benefit
14 plan.

15 (b) The appointed members who are participants in the retirement
16 systems shall be as follows:

17 (i) Two of the appointed members shall be participants in the School
18 Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska and shall include
19 one administrator and one teacher;

20 (ii) One of the appointed members shall be a participant in the
21 Nebraska Judges Retirement System as provided in the Judges Retirement
22 Act;

23 (iii) One of the appointed members shall be a participant in the
24 Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System;

25 (iv) One of the appointed members shall be a participant in the
26 Retirement System for Nebraska Counties;

27 (v) One of the appointed members shall be a participant in the State
28 Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska; and

29 (vi) Beginning September 1, 2024, one of the appointed members shall
30 be a participant who is a teacher in a retirement system established
31 under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. Prior to September 1,

1 2024, such member shall be a nonvoting, ex officio member.

2 (c) Appointments to the board shall be made by the Governor and
3 shall be subject to the approval of the Legislature. All appointed
4 members shall be citizens of the State of Nebraska.

5 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all members
6 shall serve for terms of five years or until a successor has been
7 appointed and qualified. The terms shall begin on January 1 of the
8 appropriate year.

9 (b) To ensure an experienced and knowledgeable board, the terms of
10 the appointed members shall be staggered as follows:

11 (i) One of the two members described in subdivisions (2)(a)(i) and
12 (ii) of this section shall be appointed to serve for a five-year term
13 which begins in 2017;

14 (ii) One of the two members described in subdivisions (2)(a)(i) and
15 (ii) of this section shall be appointed to serve for a five-year term
16 which begins in 2018;

17 (iii) The participant in the School Employees Retirement System of
18 the State of Nebraska who is a teacher shall be appointed for a five-year
19 term which begins in 2019;

20 (iv) The participant in the School Employees Retirement System of
21 the State of Nebraska who is an administrator and the participant in the
22 State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska shall be
23 appointed for a five-year term which begins in 2020;

24 (v) The participant in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties
25 and the participant in the Nebraska Judges Retirement System shall be
26 appointed to serve for a five-year term which begins in 2021;

27 (vi) The participant in the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System
28 shall be appointed to serve for a three-year term which begins in 2020,
29 and his or her successor shall be appointed to serve for a five-year term
30 which begins in 2023; and

31 (vii) The participant in a retirement system established under the

1 Class V School Employees Retirement Act shall be appointed to serve for a
2 fifty-two-month term which begins September 1, 2024, and his or her
3 successor shall be appointed to serve for a five-year term which begins
4 in 2029.

5 (4) In the event of a vacancy in office, the Governor shall appoint
6 a person to serve the unexpired portion of the term subject to the
7 approval of the Legislature.

8 (5) The appointed members of the board may be removed by the
9 Governor for cause after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

10 **Sec. 2.** Original section 84-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of
11 Nebraska, is repealed.