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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1115

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Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Employees Retirement Board; to
2 amend section 84-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to change board membership; to provide duties;
4 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
5 sections.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

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

5 (2) Prior to January 1, 2005, such board shall consist of
6 seven appointed members and the state investment officer as a
7 nonvoting, ex officio member. Three of the appointed members shall
8 be participants in the retirement systems administered by the
9 board, one of the appointed members shall be a participant in such
10 retirement systems who has retired, and three of the appointed
11 members shall not be employees of the State of Nebraska or any of
12 its political subdivisions. Appointments to such board shall be
13 made by the Governor subject to the approval of the Legislature.
14 All appointed members shall be citizens of the State of Nebraska.
15 The three appointed members who are not employees of the State of
16 Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions shall have at least
17 ten years of experience in the management of a public or private
18 organization or have at least five years of experience in the field
19 of actuarial analysis or the administration of an employee benefit
20 plan. The members serving on March 27, 1997, shall serve for the
21 remainder of their five-year terms which will be extended until the
22 date on which the successor's appointment is effective. For
23 members whose terms begin on January 1, 2000, one shall serve a
24 three-year term and one shall serve a four-year term or until a
25 successor has been appointed and qualified. For members whose
26 terms begin on January 1, 2001, one shall serve a four-year term
27 and two shall serve five-year terms, or until a successor has been
28 appointed and qualified.

1 (3) (a) Beginning January 1, 2005, the board shall consist
2 of nine appointed members as described in this subsection and the
3 state investment officer as a nonvoting, ex officio member. Eight
4 of the appointed members shall be participants in the retirement
5 systems administered by the board. One of the appointed members
6 shall be a retired participant in one of the retirement systems
7 administered by the board. On January 1, 2005, the member of the
8 board serving as the retired member who is a participant in a
9 retirement system administered by the board shall continue in such
10 position as the member representing retired participants until such
11 member's term expires. Three of the appointed members shall be
12 participants in the School Retirement System of the State of
13 Nebraska and shall include one active administrator and two active
14 teachers. On January 1, 2005, the member of the board who had been
15 a member of the School Retirement System of the State of Nebraska
16 prior to such date shall continue in such position as the member
17 representing the School Retirement System of the State of Nebraska
18 until such member's term expires. One of the appointed members
19 shall be either an active or retired participant in the Nebraska
20 Judges Retirement System. Such member's term shall begin on
21 January 1, 2005. One of the appointed members shall be a
22 participant in the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, either
23 an active or retired member. Such member's term shall begin on
24 January 1, 2005. One of the appointed members shall be an active
25 participant in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties. On
26 January 1, 2005, the member of the board who had been a member of
27 the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties prior to such date
28 shall continue in such position as the member representing the

1 Retirement System for Nebraska Counties until such member's term
2 expires. One of the appointed members shall be an active
3 participant in the State Employees Retirement System of the State
4 of Nebraska. On January 1, 2005, the member of the board who had
5 been a member of the State Employees Retirement System prior to
6 such date shall continue in such position as the member
7 representing the State Employees Retirement System until such
8 member's term expires. One of the appointed members shall not be
9 an employee of the State of Nebraska or any of its political
10 subdivisions and shall have at least ten years of experience in the
11 management of a public or private organization or have at least
12 five years of experience in the field of actuarial analysis or the
13 administration of an employee benefit plan. As the terms of the
14 first two members expire who were not employees of the State of
15 Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions and who were
16 appointed prior to January 1, 2005, such positions shall be filled
17 by a school administrator and teacher so that at least one
18 administrator and one teacher are members of the board at the same
19 time.

20 (b) Appointments to the board on and after January 1,
21 2005, shall be made by the Governor from a list of nominees
22 submitted by their respective organizations and shall be subject to
23 the approval of the Legislature. All appointed members shall be
24 citizens of the State of Nebraska.

25 (4) All members appointed on and after January 1, 2002,
26 shall serve for terms of five years or until a successor has been
27 appointed and qualified. The members of the board shall be
28 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in

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1 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The appointed members of the board
2 may be removed by the Governor for cause after notice and an
3 opportunity to be heard.

4 Sec. 2. Original section 84-1501, Reissue Revised
5 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.