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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Changes the composition of the State Teachers Retirement Board.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

State Teachers Retirement Board composition

(secs. 3307.05 and 3307.07)

The State Teachers Retirement Board is composed of nine members: three ex officio members (the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Auditor of State, and Attorney General), five members of the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) elected by STRS members, and one retired STRS member elected by retirees who are former STRS members. The Board members who are current STRS members are known as "teacher members," regardless of their actual positions.¹ The Board member who is a retired member is referred to as the "retired teacher member," regardless of the position the individual held while an STRS member.

The bill reduces to four (from five) the number of teacher members and increases to two (from one) the number of retired teacher members.

¹ STRS membership includes certain school administrators and university faculty members, as well as public school teachers.

Terms of office of Board members

(sec. 3307.06)

Under current law, STRS Board members are elected in May and serve four-year terms beginning on the September 1 following their election. The bill continues this provision and modifies it to provide for the additional retired teacher member. The bill also removes obsolete provisions regarding the elections of initial teacher and retired teacher members of the Board.

Current Board members

(Section 3)

Under the bill, the terms of the Board members serving on the bill's effective date are unaffected by the bill. At the end of the teacher member term that ends on August 31, 2004, the teacher member position is to be replaced by the retired teacher member position created by the bill. The new retired teacher member must be a former STRS member who is receiving a retirement allowance or disability benefit from STRS. If two vacancies for teacher member positions occur on August 31, 2004, one of the positions must be replaced by a retired teacher member, as required by the bill.

HISTORY

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