

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 changing  
5 Section 9-186 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/9-186) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 9-186)

7 Sec. 9-186. Board elections. In each year, the board shall  
8 conduct a regular election, under rules adopted by it, at least  
9 30 days prior to the expiration of the term of each elected  
10 employee or annuitant member.

11 To be eligible to be a county employee member, a person  
12 must be an employee of the county and must have at least 5  
13 years of service credit in that capacity by December 1 of the  
14 year of election. To be eligible to be a forest preserve  
15 district member, a person must be an employee of the forest  
16 preserve district and must have at least 5 years of service  
17 credit in that capacity by December 1 of the year of election.

18 Only those persons who are employees of the county shall be  
19 eligible to vote for the 3 county employee members, only those  
20 persons who are employees of the forest preserve district shall  
21 be eligible to vote for the forest preserve district member,  
22 only those persons who are currently receiving retirement  
23 benefits under this Article shall be eligible to vote for the

1 annuitant members elected under subsections (d) and (d-1) of  
2 Section 9-185, and only those persons who are currently  
3 receiving retirement benefits under Article 10 shall be  
4 eligible to vote for the forest preserve district annuitant  
5 member elected under subsection (f) of Section 9-185. The  
6 ballot shall be of secret character.

7 Except as otherwise provided in Section 9-187, each member  
8 of the board shall hold office until his successor is chosen  
9 and has qualified.

10 Any person elected or appointed a member of the board shall  
11 qualify for the office by taking an oath of office to be  
12 administered by the county clerk or a person designated by him.  
13 A copy thereof shall be kept in the office of the county clerk.  
14 Any appointment or notice of election shall be in writing and  
15 the written instrument shall be filed with the oath.

16 The board shall list on its website all board vacancies,  
17 the election calendar, the statutory requirements for each  
18 elected board position, and election rules adopted by the  
19 board.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-66, eff. 7-12-01.)