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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Makes retired teachers who are reemployed in positions covered by the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) eligible to seek election to the STRS Board.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### State Teachers Retirement Board membership

The bill makes teachers retired from the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (called “superannuates”) who are reemployed in positions covered by STRS eligible to seek election to the STRS Board.<sup>1</sup> Currently, a reemployed superannuate cannot seek election to the Board.<sup>2</sup>

The 11-member Board includes seven elected members under continuing law. Current law limits the seven elected members to:

- Five members, known as contributing members, who must be STRS members (superannuates and reemployed superannuates are not STRS members<sup>3</sup>); and
- Two members, known as retired teacher members, who must be superannuates *not* otherwise employed in STRS-covered positions.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3307.05 and 3307.07.

<sup>2</sup> See 2004 Ohio Atty.Gen.Ops. No. 2004-040 and [STRS – Retirement Board Seat Up for Election in 2023](#), which may be accessed by conducting a keyword “election 2023” search on the State Teachers Retirement System website: [strsoh.org](http://strsoh.org).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3307.01(C) and 3307.35(C), not in the bill.

A reemployed superannuate may seek election under the bill as either a contributing member or retired teacher member. The bill does not affect the terms of Board members serving on the bill's effective date.<sup>4</sup>

If a reemployed superannuate serving as a contributing member leaves STRS-covered employment while serving on the Board, the bill makes the superannuate ineligible to seek election as a retired teacher member for three years after leaving that employment. Continuing law similarly makes a contributing member who retires from STRS while a Board member ineligible to seek election as a retired teacher member for three years after the member's retirement date.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3307.05 and 3307.07; Section 3.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 3307.06.