

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System

**Official Notice of Election for Employer and Employee
Representatives to the Board of Trustees**

The composition of the Board of Trustees for the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is being modified as a result of statutory changes that take effect July 1, 2010. The new board will be comprised of two employer representatives, two employee representatives, and the State Treasurer. The purpose of this notice is to solicit nominations for an employee representative and an employer representative for a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2010.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Employee Representative

According to the new statutory definition, an employee representative shall at all times during his/her term of office both be a contributing member of the system and have completed five years of creditable service, and cannot be a member of a governing body, the chief executive officer, or a supervisor, as defined in 21 V.S.A. § 1502(13), of an employer participating in the system.

Employer Representative

According to the new statutory definition, an employer representative shall at all times during his/her term of office be a member of a governing body (i.e., select board, school board, etc.), the chief executive officer, or a supervisor as defined in 21 V.S.A. § 1502(13), of an employer participating in the system.

NEXT STEPS: How to run for representative

If you meet one of the above definitions and would like to be a candidate for a 4-year term on the VMERS Board of Trustees, you must submit a *Certification of Eligibility* form to Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach at the Retirement Office, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05609-6901 no later than June 11, 2010. To be considered a nominee, you must also include a *brief biography* (no more than 500 words) that describes your qualifications and reasons why you wish to serve on the Board of Trustees. You also must submit a *nomination sheet*. If you are applying for the employee representative seat, your sheet must contain at least five (5) signatures of members of the system. If you are applying for the employer representative seat, your sheet must contain at least five (5) signatures of either members of the system or members of the governing body of a participating employer.

If only one person is officially nominated for the employee or employer representative position, no election will be held. In this case, the Board of Trustees will simply appoint the nominee to the vacant position.

If you would like more information on the role of a VMERS Board member, or would like to download a Certification of Eligibility or Nomination form, please visit the VMERS web site at the following address:

www.VermontTreasurer.gov/retirement/municipal-vmers

**You may also call the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement office at
1-800-642-3191 (toll-free within VT) or 802-828-2305.**

The VMERS Board of Trustees is expediting the election process to accommodate the changes set forth in H.778. It is anticipated that the results of this election will conclude in mid-July. The term for the duly elected trustees begins July 1, 2010. The VMERS Board of Trustees will hold no board meeting in July until all new trustees are announced and present for such meeting.
