



**North Dakota
Public Employees Retirement System**

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Dear Petitioner:

Thank you for your interest in being a candidate for election to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Board.

To be an eligible candidate for nomination, you must be an active employee of a department of the State of North Dakota, or of a political subdivision that participates in PERS, so long as that department or political subdivision is not currently represented on the Retirement Board by a Board member not up for election. Members from the Department of Human Services and Department of Commerce currently serve on the board. Therefore, if you are employed by one of those agencies, you are not eligible to be a candidate for election.

To qualify to be on the election ballot, you must obtain the signatures of 100 active members in the PERS retirement system as determined by the current NDPERS membership records. All information requested on the petition must be completed in order for a nomination to be valid. Do not have petitioners continue signatures on the back of the forms. We have enclosed petition forms for your use and if additional copies are required, you may obtain them from this office or you may make copies of the form. All petitions submitted must have original signatures. No copies will be accepted. Please be sure you have signed all petition forms. **You may not use any public service or funds to promote your election, except as permitted by the employing agency.**

The deadline for submitting petitions to PERS is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2007. They may be accompanied by a 3" x 5" photograph and a narrative not to exceed 200 words. **The narrative must be signed to be valid.** Narratives and photographs must be submitted by the petition deadline and can be included with the petitions or e-mailed to kallen@nd.gov. The absence of a photo or narrative will not invalidate your eligibility. However, then only your name will appear on the material accompanying the ballots. You will be notified by First Class U.S. mail of validation of your candidacy. You may withdraw your nomination by providing notice in writing to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2007.

PERS will mail out ballots the week of June 1, 2007. They must be returned no later than Friday, June 15, 2007. Canvassing of ballots will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2007. The NDPERS board will review and validate the canvassing results at its regularly scheduled meeting tentatively set for June 21, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Allen at 328-3918. A copy of Chapter 71-01-02, Election Rules, are enclosed for your information. Good luck with your campaign.

Sincerely,

Kathy M. Allen
Benefit Programs Manager

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