



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB4457**

Introduced 2/3/2020, by Rep. Carol Ammons

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/7-175.1

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-175.1

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the counting of ballots for the election of employee and annuitant trustees shall be open to observers from associations that represent participating municipalities and instrumentalities and labor organizations that represent employees from participating municipalities and instrumentalities. Effective immediately.

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PENSION IMPACT  
NOTE ACT MAY  
APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 7-175.1 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-175.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-175.1)

7 Sec. 7-175.1. Election of employee and annuitant trustees.

8 (a) The board shall prepare and send ballots and ballot  
9 envelopes to the employees and annuitants eligible to vote as  
10 of September of that year. The ballots shall contain the names  
11 of all candidates in alphabetical order and an appropriate  
12 place where a name may be written in on the ballot. The ballot  
13 envelope shall have on the outside a form of certificate  
14 stating that the person voting the ballot is a participating  
15 employee or annuitant entitled to vote.

16 (b) Employees and annuitants, upon receipt of the ballot,  
17 shall vote the ballot and place it in the ballot envelope, seal  
18 the envelope, execute the certificate thereon and return the  
19 ballot to the Fund.

20 (c) The board shall set a final date for ballot return, and  
21 ballots received prior to that date in a ballot envelope with a  
22 properly executed certificate and properly voted, shall be  
23 valid ballots.

1           (d) The board shall set a day for counting the ballots and  
2 name judges and clerks of election to conduct the count of  
3 ballots, and shall make any rules and regulations necessary for  
4 the conduct of the count.

5           (d-5) The counting of ballots shall be open to observers  
6 from associations that represent participating municipalities  
7 and instrumentalities and labor organizations that represent  
8 employees from participating municipalities and  
9 instrumentalities.

10          (e) No election under this Section shall be required if a  
11 candidate is deemed the winner under subsection (g) of Section  
12 7-175.

13          (f) Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Board from  
14 adopting rules that provide for Internet balloting or phone  
15 balloting in addition to election by mail under this Section.  
16 An Internet or phone ballot cast in accordance with rules  
17 adopted under this subsection shall be a valid ballot.

18          (Source: P.A. 100-935, eff. 1-1-19.)

19          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.