**Section 1650.1000 Nomination of Candidates**

a) Any candidate for a vacant teacher position on the System's Board of Trustees shall be nominated by a written petition in a format prescribed by the System or a petition with electronic signatures submitted via an independent, secure, third-party vendor selected by the System, signed by no fewer than 500 individuals who, as of the date of signing, were teachers as defined in Section 16-106 of the Illinois Pension Code [40 ILCS 5/16-106].

b) Any candidate for a vacant annuitant position on the System's Board of Trustees shall be nominated by a written petition in a format prescribed by the System or a petition with electronic signatures submitted via an independent, secure, third-party vendor selected by the System, signed by no fewer than 500 individuals who, as of the date of signing, were annuitants as defined in Section 16-111.1 of the Illinois Pension Code [40 ILCS 5/16-111.1].

c) Petitions may be circulated for signatures for a period of time as follows:

1) For a regular election, commencing the November 1 immediately preceding the election date and ending with the time for filing such petition with the System as provided in subsection (c) of Section 1650.1010;

2) For a special election as provided in Section 1650.1090, commencing the date that the Board's secretary announces that a special election will be held and for a two-week period thereafter.

d) An individual eligible to sign a petition nominating a candidate for a vacant teacher position on the Board may sign petitions for as many candidates as desired.

e) An individual eligible to sign a petition nominating a candidate for a vacant annuitant position on the Board may sign petitions for as many candidates as desired.

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