



Increase representation on the TRS and ERS Boards of Trustees

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- Allow a retiree to serve on the Board

Currently, the ERS Board of Trustees consists of 6 members- 3 are appointed by the Governor and 3 are elected by ERS members. Although ERS retirees are allowed to vote in Board elections, they are barred from ever serving on the ERS Board.

Retirees have just as much at stake, if not more, than active employees when it comes to their ERS retirement and health care benefits. TRS and many other public pension funds allow retirees to serve on their Boards. ERS should allow for retirees to be represented as well.

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- RESTORE the Higher Education seat
- ADD a dedicated seat for retired TRS members
- ADD an additional seat appointed by the Governor

The TRS Board of Trustees currently consists of nine members. Five members are appointed directly by the Governor. Four seats have been designated for specific groups participating in TRS: two for public school employees, one for retired TRS members, and up until 2011, one seat was reserved for higher education employees.

A law passed in 2011 abolished the higher education seat and created an “open” seat in its place. Higher education employees with their futures and livelihoods invested in the TRS deserve a dedicated seat on the TRS Board of Trustees. Moreover, the membership of the TRS is steadily increasing, so in addition to restoring the higher education seat, TSEU is calling for a new dedicated seat for retired TRS members and a new seat appointed by the Governor.

ERS- Support HB 596 by Rep. Ana Hernandez

TRS- Support HB 3662 by Rep. Armando Walle