

CHAPTER 423B

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE PENSIONS

423B.01 Minneapolis police relief association; definitions.

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423B.01 MINNEAPOLIS POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION; DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 4a. **Allowable service credit.** "Allowable service credit" means:

- (1) service rendered as an active member;
- (2) service as an elected public official under section 423B.03;
- (3) military service credited under section 423B.09, subdivision 3; and
- (4) a period of service purchased under section 356.555.

[For text of subs 5 to 21, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 10 art 6 s 19

NOTE: Subdivision 4a as added by Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 10, article 6, section 19, expires May 16, 2003. Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 10, article 6, section 21.

423B.05 INCORPORATION, GOVERNMENT BY BOARD.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 4. **Right to participate by mail-in ballot.** Active members, retired members, and surviving spouse members of the relief association have the right to participate in the election of board members of the association by mail-in ballot.

Subd. 5. **Mail-in referendum on voting by mail.** (a) The board of the association is authorized to submit the following question in a binding member referendum to be conducted by mail:

"Shall the bylaws of the Minneapolis police relief association be amended to allow future proposed amendments to the bylaws of the relief association to be approved by a vote of relief association members by mail?"

Yes
No"

(b) The board of the relief association shall conduct the referendum by mailing a printed copy of the referendum question and of the ballot to all active members, retired members, and surviving spouse members in accordance with the voting procedures that the board of the relief association used in the most recent board election prior to March 1, 2001.

(c) Before submitting the referendum question to a vote by the relief association membership, the relief association board shall solicit the opinions of relief association members for the question and against the question. The solicitation for member comments must be included in the next regular relief association communication to relief association members following the proposal of the bylaw amendment and on the Web site of the relief association. The comment period continues for 30 days. The executive director of the relief association shall prepare a summary of the comments of relief association members for and against the question in a fair and impartial manner. A draft of the summary document must be placed on the Web site of the relief association for five days. If a relief association board member challenges the objectivity

of the draft summary, the draft summary must be reviewed by a neutral third party. The neutral third party must be an accredited professional mediator. The relief association executive director shall include the recommendations of the neutral third party in the final summary document. The written summary prepared by the relief association executive director must be included with the question and the ballot mailed to relief association members.

(d) Balloting procedures must be designed to maintain secrecy as to the identity of voting members. The receipt of returned ballots and the counting of those ballots must be conducted by an accounting firm designated by the relief association board to perform those functions.

(e) For adoption, the question must receive favorable votes from two-thirds of the relief association members who return ballots on the question.

(f) If the question in paragraph (a) is approved in the referendum, future bylaw amendments must be conducted in the same manner as provided in this subdivision.

History: *1Sp2001 c 10 art 14 s 1,2*