PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)
OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP ELECTION

If you are currently an active or inactive member of PERS, or a working retiree, **this form does not apply to you**.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION – to be completed by employee		
Last Name	First Name, MI	Social Security Number
Date of Birth	Email Address	Phone Number

If I elect PERS membership:

- Contributions will be deducted from my paycheck, and membership service and service credit will be credited to my account. Please review the educational resources at *mpera.mt.gov.*

If I decline membership:

- I may not become a member while still employed in this position.
- I will not receive membership service or service credit for employment for which membership was declined.
- If I work more than 960 hours in a fiscal year, cumulative of all PERS employers, membership becomes mandatory.

ELECTION: ☐ **I elect PERS membership**   ☐ **I decline PERS membership**

Employee Signature	Date

EMPLOYER INFORMATION – to be completed by employer		
Employing Agency	Employer Number	Employee's Hire Date

I have verified that the above employee is eligible for optional membership. Working retirees, excluded employees, and mandatory members are **not** eligible for an optional membership election. *See* § 19-3-401, 403, and 412, MCA.

As the employer, I understand that if I fail to provide this election form timely (upon hire) to the employee, I will be responsible for the employee and employer interest and employer contributions if the member later chooses to purchase this time. *See* § 19-3-412, MCA.

Check the type of optional position (you must check only one):

☐ Employee working 960 hours or less   ☐ Employee directly appointed by the Governor
☐ Chief administrative officer of a city or county   ☐ New employee of a county hospital or rest home
☐ Legislative branch employee working 10 months or less to perform work related to the legislative session

Printed Name	Title	Phone Number ( )
Signature		Date

Return this completed form to MPERA within 90 days of hire, and retain a copy for your records.

This must be completed by both the employee and the employer.