

MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION (MPERA)

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OPTIONAL PERS MEMBERSHIP - LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

For Current PERS Members

Section 19-3-412, MCA, makes participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) optional for a new local elected official working in an elected position **less than 960 hours in a calendar year**. You may participate in PERS for this elected position or you may decline. If you choose to participate in PERS, regular contributions will be deducted from your compensation as a local government elected official.

PERS retirement benefits cannot be received while contributing to PERS through this or any other PERS covered employment.

Please complete the following election and sign below.

I, _____ officially took office on _____ am currently employed
Print Name Date

as _____
Mayor/Councilman/Commissioner

I **decline** to participate in PERS while serving as a local elected official.

I **choose** to participate in PERS while serving as a local elected official.

The following requirements apply.

- You must file this election within 90 days of taking office; otherwise, you may not participate in PERS.
- You must be an active member of PERS.
- You must work less than 960 hours in a calendar year in the local elected official position. If you exceed the 960 hours, participation in PERS for this position becomes mandatory.
- You must terminate from all PERS-covered positions to be eligible to retire. If, as a PERS member, you participate in PERS for this elected position, you may not retire if you become or remain active in another PERS position.

Questions? Contact MPERA at 444-3154 or toll free (877) 275-7372.

Signature of Local Elected Official Date Social Security Number*

Mailing Address City MT Zip Code

Local Government Entity

*For ID purposes. §19-2-403(7), MCA

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