

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

AGENCY: State of Rhode Island Office of the General Treasurer

DIVISION: Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island

RULE IDENTIFIER: RICR Citation: 120 RICR 10-1 ERLID: 7498

REGULATION TITLE: Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island and Municipal Employees' Retirement System Rules and Regulations

RULEMAKING ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

TYPE OF FILING: Amendment

DATES: Public Notice date: Friday, January 6, 2017

End of Comment period date: Monday, February 6, 2017

Hearing Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULE: Amendments were made to **Chapter 10 Sections 1.1 and 9.1** to add revisions, clarifying language, and additional subsections (previously Regulations 1 and 9) and technical changes were made throughout. **Regulation 1.1** was amended to add new definitions; revise the committee structure and meeting schedules to increase committee activities; clarify and/or expand board and subcommittee authority and duties; clarify board education and professional development; expand the duties of the executive director; revise and redefine board subcommittees including addition of a new subcommittee; allow flexibility for meeting times. **Regulation 9.1** was amended to remove the requirement that an applicant be at maximum medical improvement in order to proceed with their disability application; remove appeals from the full board and revise the appeals process for applications which have been denied; and added a section to clarify disability subcommittee composition and alternate members. An amendment was made to add **Regulation 17.1** to ensure a consistent application of the retirement laws and rules governing post retirement employment as they relate to state colleges, universities or state schools and state operated facilities. The rule provides the process and procedures for determining when a retiree exceeds the statutory earnings limitations and how the retirees' pension benefit will be affected.

COMMENTS INVITED: All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations by Monday, February 6, 2017 to the addresses listed below.

ADDRESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMISSIONS:

Mailing address: Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island
50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION:

The place of public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call Roxanne Donoyan, Administrative Assistant, Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island at 401.462.7608 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.
