House Bill 173 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)
By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Stephens of the 164th, McDonald of the 26th, Wiedower of the 119th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to revise certain provisions relating to membership of the board of trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; to increase the percentage of an eligible large retirement system's assets that may be invested in alternative investments; to provide limitations for the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia and the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) Code Section 47-2-21, relating to power and duty of board of trustees to administer and operate retirement system, membership of board, vacancies, expenses, oath, and quorum, as follows:

"(5)(A) Two trustees elected by the trustees set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection for a term of four years, provided that in their first terms one served for a term from the date of election to June 30, 1950, and the other for a term from the date
of election to June 30, 1952; provided, further, that each of these two members shall have had at least five years of creditable service with an agency included in this retirement system; and

(B) In electing the two trustees identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the trustees set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection shall review and consider any individuals nominated by any organization of state retirees consisting of at least 1,000 members; and"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 47-20-87, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) Alternative investments by an eligible large retirement system shall not in the aggregate exceed \(5\) \(10\) percent of the eligible large retirement system's assets at any time.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 percent of its assets at any time.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.

(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time."