## **7950.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** As used in parts 7950.0100 to 7950.0300, the following terms have the meanings given.

- Subp. 2. **Public official.** "Public official" means a person who:
- A. is a public employee within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 353.01, subdivision 2; and
- B. is elected to an elective office or appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office.
  - Subp. 3. **PERA.** "PERA" means the Public Employees Retirement Association.
  - Subp. 4. Date. "Date" means calendar day.
- Subp. 5. **New public official.** "New public official" means a public official who is elected to or appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office and who commences employment in such office on or after December 15, 1986.
- Subp. 6. Current public official. "Current public official" means a public official who was elected to or appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office, who commences employment before December 15, 1986, and whose incumbency in the elective office continues through or beyond December 15, 1986.
- Subp. 7. **Public official eligible to become a member of PERA.** "Public official eligible to become a member of PERA" means a public official who is a public employee within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 353.01, subdivision 2a, who is not or has ceased to be excluded from the class of public employees by the minimum earnings or other provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 353.01, subdivision 2b.
- Subp. 8. **Incumbency.** "Incumbency" means continuous uninterrupted service in the same elective office, regardless of the number of successive terms in office.
  - Subp. 9. **Prior service.** "Prior service" means service rendered:
    - A. before December 15, 1986;
- B. by a public official who was eligible to become a member of PERA but who was not a member of PERA at the time the service was rendered; and
- C. in an elective office which is the same as or different from the elective office with respect to service in which the option to become a member is or has been exercised.

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