

Sec 4. Election to Become a Participating Municipality; Adoption of Plan; Establishment of Benefit and Contribution Programs; Requirements.

- (1) A municipality may elect to become a participating municipality by either an affirmative vote by a majority of the members on the municipality's governing body, or an affirmative vote by the qualified electors of the municipality, or by resolution of the joint board or commission of the municipalities that are required by law to fund the participating municipality if those municipalities have entered into a contract to transfer functions and responsibilities pursuant to 1967 PA 8 (Ex Sess) of 1967, MCL 124.531 to 124.536. The municipality's governing body shall specify in the Adoption Agreement, the plan, effective date of participation, benefit programs and contribution programs that shall apply to the employees of the municipality. All employees of a municipality who are in the same plan or benefit program coverage classification shall be covered by the same plan and benefit programs. All employees of a municipality who are in the same contribution program classification shall be covered by the same contribution program.
- (2) The clerk or secretary of the municipality shall certify to the Retirement System, in the manner and form prescribed by the Retirement Board, the determination of the municipality to participate in the Retirement System. The certification shall be made within 10 days from the date of the vote by the governing body or the date of the canvass of votes of the qualified electors.
- (3) A municipality (or bargaining unit or non-bargaining group) shall not participate in the Retirement System unless on the effective date of participation 10% or more of all employees of the municipality (or bargaining unit or non-bargaining group) are included as members of the Retirement System. However, a municipality that includes less than 10% of all municipal employees (or bargaining unit or non-bargaining group) as members of the Retirement System under this Plan may participate if the municipality has elected to include all individuals first hired after the effective date of the municipality's participation.