Proposed Change in the Law

This bill requires IMRF to allow representatives from employer and employee groups to observe ballot counting during the trustee election process.

Reasons for Position

The bill does not allow observers to interfere in the ballot count or the process. It only allows for observation. While IMRF only explicitly allows candidates to observe ballot counting, this provision has only been part of the Board’s resolutions since December of 2019, but candidates were previously allowed to observe the counts.

Interest group representatives have never asked IMRF to observe the ballot counting process. If such a request were to be made, however, it is unlikely that staff would deny that request.