

## 2018 ERS Board of Control Special Election Candidate Biographies

**Heath Sexton** is the assistant county engineer for Dallas County, where he has been employed since earning his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Auburn University in 2008. He is a licensed professional engineer and is certified for road and bridge inspection, pesticide application, and storm water management. His responsibilities include managing the design and construction of contract road improvement projects, overseeing the bridge inspection program, and supporting the road department's maintenance activities. He is a member of the Association of County Engineers of Alabama. Mr. Sexton has been married for seven years to his wife, Andrea, and together they have two sons, Remington and Ryals. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and coaching t-ball.

**David J. Harer** is a 15-year firefighter with the city of Huntsville. He is happily married and has a wonderful 3-year-old son. Mr. Harer has had the pleasure of assisting other states and municipalities with pension issues. He currently serves as the president of the Professional Fire Fighters of Alabama (PFFA). As president, he has been able to travel the state as well as the country educating people on retirement benefits. Mr. Harer has also traveled frequently to the State House in Montgomery to work with legislators on passing crucial legislation that will benefit firefighters and all of the people in this great state. Prior to serving as president, he served as secretary treasurer of the PFFA. While serving as secretary treasurer in 2016, he was one of thirty people chosen nationwide to attend the Harvard Trade Program. Just this year, Mr. Harer was one of fifty people chosen to attend the International Fire Fighters Association's Political Training Academy. Mr. Harer has also worked with several other states and municipalities in maintaining their pension systems. His efforts have also been reported on by several nationwide media outlets.