



## *Boston Retirement System*

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## **Domestic Relations Orders (DROs)**

### **Overview:**

Retirement benefits administered under M.G.L. c. 32 may be divided by a court-issued Domestic Relations Order (DRO).

### **Submitting a Draft:**

Draft DROs may be submitted to [BRSLegal@boston.gov](mailto:BRSLegal@boston.gov) for administrative review prior to filing with the court.

### **Scope of Review:**

Review is limited to determining whether the proposed order is administratively acceptable in form and consistent with M.G.L. c. 32.

The Board cannot provide legal advice, recommend specific language, or provide sample DROs.

### **Legal Considerations:**

Massachusetts public retirement systems are governed by M.G.L. c. 32 and are not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Provisions commonly used in private-sector Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) may not be applicable.

### **Important Note:**

Submission of a draft for review does not constitute approval and does not guarantee acceptance of the final court-issued order