
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5517

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wood, Kohl, Bauer, Patterson, Winsley, Brown, Goings, Fraser, Loveland, Benton, Sellar, Franklin and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the membership of the governing boards of the
2 state's institutions of higher education; and amending RCW 28B.20.100,
3 28B.30.100, 28B.35.100, and 28B.40.100.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.20.100 and 1985 c 61 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested
8 in a board of regents to consist of ((nine)) ten members, one of whom
9 shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member from
10 a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five,
11 submitted by the governing body of the associated students. They shall
12 be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and,
13 except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of
14 six years from the first day of October and until their successors
15 shall be appointed and qualified. ((Five)) The student member shall
16 hold his or her office for a term of one year from the first day of
17 June until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The
18 student member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the
19 university at the time of appointment.

1 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the
2 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an
3 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the
4 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the
5 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

6 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
7 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
8 September in any one year.

9 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
10 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
11 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.30.100 and 1985 c 61 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) The governance of Washington State University shall be vested
15 in a board of regents to consist of ((nine)) ten members one of whom
16 shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member from
17 a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five,
18 submitted by the governing body of the associated students. They shall
19 be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate
20 and, except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term
21 of six years from the first day of October and until their successors
22 are appointed and qualified. ((Five)) The student member shall hold
23 his or her office for a term of one year from the first day of June
24 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The student
25 member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the university
26 at the time of appointment.

27 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the
28 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy or when an
29 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the
30 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the
31 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

32 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
33 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
34 September in any one year.

35 (4) Each regent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his
36 respective duties as such, execute a good and sufficient bond to the
37 state of Washington, with two or more sufficient sureties, residents of
38 the state, or with a surety company licensed to do business within the

1 state, in the penal sum of not less than five thousand dollars,
2 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such regent:
3 PROVIDED, That the university shall pay any fees incurred for any such
4 bonds for their board members.

5 (5) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
6 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
7 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.35.100 and 1985 c 137 s 1 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) The governance of each of the regional universities shall be
11 vested in a board of trustees consisting of (~~seven~~) eight members,
12 one of whom shall be a student. The governor shall select the student
13 member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than
14 five, submitted by the governing body of the associated students. They
15 shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and,
16 except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of
17 six years from the first day of October and until their successors are
18 appointed and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her
19 office for a term of one year from the first day of June and until his
20 or her successor is appointed and qualified. The student member shall
21 be a full-time student in good standing at the respective university at
22 the time of appointment.

23 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the
24 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment
25 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall
26 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose
27 office has become vacant or expired.

28 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
29 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
30 September in any one year.

31 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
32 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
33 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.40.100 and 1985 c 137 s 2 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested
37 in a board of trustees consisting of (~~seven~~) eight members, one of

1 whom shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member
2 from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five,
3 submitted by the student body. They shall be appointed by the governor
4 with the consent of the senate and, except for the student member,
5 shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of
6 October and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The
7 student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from
8 the first day of June and until his or her successor is appointed and
9 qualified. The student member shall be a full-time student in good
10 standing at the college at the time of appointment.

11 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the
12 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment
13 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall
14 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose
15 office has become vacant or expired.

16 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
17 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
18 September in any one year.

19 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
20 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
21 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

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