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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. They shall be appointed by the governor with the  
10 consent of the senate, and, except for the student member, shall hold  
11 their offices for a term of six years from the first day of October and  
12 until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. ((Five)) The  
13 student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from  
14 the first day of October until his or her successor is appointed and  
15 qualified. The student member shall be a full-time student in good  
16 standing at the university at the time of appointment.

17 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the  
18 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an  
19 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the

1 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the  
2 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

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

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

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

11 (1) The governance of Washington State University shall be vested  
12 in a board of regents to consist of ((nine)) ten members one of whom  
13 shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the governor, by and  
14 with the consent of the senate and, except for the student member,  
15 shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of  
16 October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.  
17 ((Five)) The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of  
18 one year from the first day of October until his or her successor is  
19 appointed and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time  
20 student in good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

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

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

29 (4) Each regent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his  
30 respective duties as such, execute a good and sufficient bond to the  
31 state of Washington, with two or more sufficient sureties, residents of  
32 the state, or with a surety company licensed to do business within the  
33 state, in the penal sum of not less than five thousand dollars,  
34 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such regent:  
35 PROVIDED, That the university shall pay any fees incurred for any such  
36 bonds for their board members.

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

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

6       (1) The governance of each of the regional universities shall be  
7 vested in a board of trustees consisting of (~~seven~~) eight members,  
8 one of whom shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the  
9 governor with the consent of the senate and, except for the student  
10 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first  
11 day of October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.  
12 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year  
13 from the first day of October and until his or her successor is  
14 appointed and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time  
15 student in good standing at the respective university at the time of  
16 appointment.

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

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

25       (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or  
26 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,  
27 discipline, or tenure of faculty members.

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

30       (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested  
31 in a board of trustees consisting of (~~seven~~) eight members, one of  
32 whom shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the governor with  
33 the consent of the senate and, except for the student member, shall  
34 hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of  
35 October and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The  
36 student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from  
37 the first day of October and until his or her successor is appointed

1 and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time student in good  
2 standing at the respective university at the time of appointment.

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

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

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

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