
HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4021

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By Representatives Mastin and Grant

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1 TO THE HONORABLE TOM CRONIN, PRESIDENT OF WHITMAN COLLEGE, AND TO
2 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WHITMAN COLLEGE:

3 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
4 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
5 represent and petition as follows:

6 WHEREAS, Whitman College was created by the Legislative Assembly of
7 the Territory of Washington on December 20, 1859; and

8 WHEREAS, The original act created a nine-member board of trustees;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Washington state Constitution was ratified by the
11 people at an election held October 1, 1889; and

12 WHEREAS, Article XXVII, Section 2 of the state Constitution
13 provides: "All laws remain in force in the Territory of Washington
14 which are not repugnant to this Constitution, shall remain in force
15 until they expire by their own limitation, or are altered or repealed
16 by the legislature: . . . "; and

17 WHEREAS, Whitman College is a private institution of higher
18 education and its governance is not regulated by the Legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, Statutes governing Whitman college are not codified in the
20 Revised Code of Washington; and

1 WHEREAS, Whitman College may regulate its corporate concerns by
2 amendment to its bylaws;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
4 authority of Whitman College to change the number of individuals
5 serving on its board of trustees as it deems necessary be recognized.

6 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this memorial be immediately
7 transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
8 Honorable Tom Cronin, President of Whitman College and the Whitman
9 College board of trustees.

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