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**SENATE BILL 5918**

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**By** Senators Frockt, Conway, Hasegawa, Holy, Lias, Lovick, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding a faculty member to the board of  
2 regents at the research universities; and amending RCW 28B.20.100 and  
3 28B.30.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.20.100 and 2006 c 78 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) The governance of the University of Washington shall be  
8 vested in a board of regents to consist of (~~ten~~) 11 members, one of  
9 whom shall be a student and one of whom shall be a full-time or  
10 emeritus member of the faculty.

11 (b) The members shall be appointed by the governor with the  
12 consent of the senate, and, except for the student member and faculty  
13 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the  
14 first day of October and until their successors shall be appointed  
15 and qualified.

16 (c) The governor shall select the student member from a list of  
17 candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by  
18 the governing body of the associated students. (~~They shall be~~  
19 ~~appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and, except~~  
20 ~~for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six~~  
21 ~~years from the first day of October and until their successors shall~~

1 ~~be appointed and qualified.~~) The student member shall hold (~~his or~~  
2 ~~her~~) the office for a term of one year from the first day of July  
3 until the first day of July of the following year or until (~~his or~~  
4 ~~her~~) a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The  
5 student member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the  
6 university at the time of appointment.

7 (d) The governor shall select the faculty member from a list of  
8 candidates, of at least two and not more than five, submitted by the  
9 faculty senate. The faculty member shall hold the office for a term  
10 of three years from the first day of October and until a successor is  
11 appointed and qualified.

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

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

20 (4) A student appointed under this section (~~shall excuse himself~~  
21 ~~or herself from participation or voting~~) may not participate or vote  
22 on matters relating to the hiring, discipline, or tenure of faculty  
23 members and personnel. A faculty member appointed under this section  
24 may not participate or vote on matters related to the hiring,  
25 discipline, or tenure of specific faculty members.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.30.100 and 2006 c 78 s 2 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) (a) The governance of Washington State University shall be  
29 vested in a board of regents to consist of (~~ten~~) 11 members, one of  
30 whom shall be a student and one of whom shall be a full-time or  
31 emeritus member of the faculty.

32 (b) The members shall be appointed by the governor with the  
33 consent of the senate, and, except for the student member and faculty  
34 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the  
35 first day of October and until their successors shall be appointed  
36 and qualified.

37 (c) The governor shall select the student member from a list of  
38 candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by  
39 the governing body of the associated students. (~~They shall be~~

1 ~~appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate and,~~  
2 ~~except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of~~  
3 ~~six years from the first day of October and until their successors~~  
4 ~~are appointed and qualified.))~~ The student member shall hold (~~his or~~  
5 ~~her~~) the office for a term of one year from the first day of July  
6 until the first day of July of the following year or until (~~his or~~  
7 ~~her~~) a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The  
8 student member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the  
9 university at the time of appointment.

10 (d) The governor shall select the faculty member from a list of  
11 candidates, of at least two and not more than five, submitted by the  
12 faculty senate. The faculty member shall hold the office for a term  
13 of three years from the first day of October and until a successor is  
14 appointed and qualified.

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

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

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

31 (5) A student appointed under this section (~~shall excuse himself~~  
32 ~~or herself from participation or voting~~) may not participate or vote  
33 on matters relating to the hiring, discipline, or tenure of faculty  
34 members and personnel. A faculty member appointed under this section  
35 may not participate or vote on matters related to the hiring,  
36 discipline, or tenure of specific faculty members.

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