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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlson, Dunn, Constantine, Radcliff, Gardner, Sheahan, Kenney, O'Brien, L. Thomas, Scott, Linville, Hatfield, Benson, Romero, Butler, Kessler, Chopp, Costa, Anderson, Cooke, Cooper, Schoesler, Mason, Gombosky, Conway, Lantz and Tokuda)

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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, not to exceed five, submitted by the governing
11 body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by the
12 governor with the consent of the senate, and, except for the student
13 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first
14 day of October and until their successors shall be appointed and
15 qualified. ((Five)) The student member shall hold his or her office
16 for a term of one year from the first day of June until his or her
17 successor is appointed and qualified. The student member shall be a
18 full-time student in good standing at the university at the time of
19 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, not to exceed five, submitted by the governing
18 body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by the
19 governor, by and with the consent of the senate and, except for the
20 student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from
21 the first day of October and until their successors are appointed and
22 qualified. ((Five)) The student member shall hold his or her office
23 for a term of one year from the first day of June until his or her
24 successor is appointed and qualified. The student member shall be a
25 full-time student in good standing at the university at the time of
26 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, not to exceed five, submitted by the
14 governing body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by
15 the governor with the consent of the senate and, except for the student
16 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first
17 day of October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
18 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year
19 from the first day of June and until his or her successor is appointed
20 and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time student in good
21 standing at the respective university at the time of appointment.

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

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

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

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

35 (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested
36 in a board of trustees consisting of ((seven)) eight members, one of
37 whom shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member

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

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

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

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

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