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By Representatives Kenney, Cox, Conway, Priest, Fromhold, Jarrett, Dunshee, Sells, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Buri, Chase, Rodne, Santos, Green and Hudgins

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership on community college boards of  
2 trustees; and amending RCW 28B.50.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.100 and 1991 c 238 s 37 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 There is hereby created a board of trustees for each college  
7 district as set forth in this chapter. Each board of trustees shall be  
8 composed of five trustees, who shall be appointed by the governor for  
9 terms commencing October 1st of the year in which appointed. In making  
10 such appointments the governor shall give consideration to geographical  
11 diversity, and representing labor, business, women, and racial and  
12 ethnic minorities, in the membership of the boards of trustees. The  
13 boards of trustees for (~~districts containing technical colleges~~) each  
14 college district shall include at least one member from business and  
15 one member from labor.

16 The successors of the trustees initially appointed shall be  
17 appointed by the governor to serve for a term of five years except that  
18 any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the

1 expiration of any term shall be appointed only for the remainder of the  
2 term. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and  
3 qualified.

4 If, as of the effective date of this section, a board of trustees  
5 does not include at least one member from business and one member from  
6 labor, the governor shall fill the next vacancy or make the next new  
7 appointment with a business or labor member until the board has the  
8 composition required under this section.

9 Every trustee shall be a resident and qualified elector of the  
10 college district. No trustee may be an employee of the community and  
11 technical college system, a member of the board of directors of any  
12 school district, or a member of the governing board of any public or  
13 private educational institution.

14 Each board of trustees shall organize itself by electing a chairman  
15 from its members. The board shall adopt a seal and may adopt such  
16 bylaws, rules and regulations as it deems necessary for its own  
17 government. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum, but  
18 a lesser number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the  
19 attendance of absent members in such manner as prescribed in its  
20 bylaws, rules, or regulations. The district president, or if there be  
21 none, the president of the college, shall serve as, or may designate  
22 another person to serve as, the secretary of the board, who shall not  
23 be deemed to be a member of the board.

24 Members of the boards of trustees may be removed for misconduct or  
25 malfeasance in office in the manner provided by RCW 28B.10.500.

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