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By Representatives Nelson, Appleton, Hasegawa, Kenney, Campbell, Cody, Green, Sells, Hudgins, Morrell, Conway, Simpson, and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to including a member from labor on community  
2 college boards of 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 shall  
14 include at least one member from business and one member from labor.  
15 The boards of trustees in all other college districts shall include at  
16 least one member from labor, commencing with the first appointment in  
17 each college district occurring after the effective date of this  
18 section.

1       The successors of the trustees initially appointed shall be  
2 appointed by the governor to serve for a term of five years except that  
3 any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the  
4 expiration of any term shall be appointed only for the remainder of the  
5 term. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and  
6 qualified.

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

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

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

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