
HOUSE BILL 1437

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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))~~ eleven members,
9 one of whom shall be a student and one of whom shall be a full-time
10 or 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 office for a term of one year from the first day of July until
3 the first day of July of the following year or until his or her
4 successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The student
5 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 his or her office for a
10 term of three years from the first day of October and until his or
11 her successor is 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 on matters relating to the
22 hiring, discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel. A
23 faculty member appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
24 herself from voting on matters related to the hiring, discipline, or
25 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~~) eleven members,
30 one of whom shall be a student and one of whom shall be a full-time
31 or 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 office for a term of one year from the first day of July until
6 the first day of July of the following year or until his or her
7 successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The student
8 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 his or her office for a
13 term of three years from the first day of October and until his or
14 her successor is 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 on matters relating to the
33 hiring, discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel. A
34 faculty member appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
35 herself from voting on matters related to the hiring, discipline, or
36 tenure of specific faculty members.

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