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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the student membership on the state board of
2 regents, reducing the term of student members, and including
3 implementation and transition provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 262.1, Code 1995, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 262.1 MEMBERSHIP.

4 The state board of regents consists of ~~nine~~ eleven members,
5 eight of whom shall be selected from the state at large solely
6 with regard to their qualifications and fitness to discharge
7 the duties of the office. ~~The-ninth-member~~ Three members
8 shall be ~~a-student~~ students enrolled on a full-time basis in
9 good standing at either the graduate or undergraduate level at
10 ~~one-of~~ the institutions listed in section 262.7, subsection 1,
11 2, or 3, at the time of the member's appointment. Not more
12 than ~~five~~ six members shall be of the same political party.

13 Sec. 2. Section 262.2, Code 1995, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 262.2 APPOINTMENT -- TERM OF OFFICE.

16 1. The members shall be appointed by the governor subject
17 to confirmation by the senate. ~~The-term-of-each-member-of-the~~
18 ~~board-shall-be-for-six-years.~~ Nonstudent members shall serve
19 six-year terms and student members shall serve two-year terms.
20 The terms of two or three nonstudent members and the term of
21 one student member of the board shall begin and expire in each
22 odd-numbered year, and the terms of two student members shall
23 begin and expire in each even-numbered year, as provided in
24 section 69.19.

25 2. The recognized student government organization at each
26 of the three institutions of higher learning under the control
27 of the board shall submit, at least biennially, to the
28 governor a list of at least three names of students eligible
29 to represent the institution on the board. From the lists of
30 names submitted by the organizations, the governor shall
31 appoint one student from each of the institutions of higher
32 learning under the control of the board to serve as a board
33 member. A student member may remain on the board until the
34 expiration of the student's term if the student member
35 graduates within one year of the date of the expiration.

1 Sec. 3. Section 262.6, Code 1995, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 262.6 VACANCIES.

4 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner ~~in which~~
5 ~~regular appointments are required to be~~ as original
6 appointments are made and shall be for the remainder of the
7 unexpired term of the vacancy. If ~~the ninth~~ a student member
8 resigns prior to the expiration of the student's term, the
9 individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall meet the
10 requirements for ~~the ninth member~~ student membership specified
11 in ~~section~~ sections 262.1 and 262.2. ~~Other vacancies~~
12 ~~occurring prior to the expiration of the ninth member's term~~
13 ~~shall be filled in the same manner as the original~~
14 ~~appointments for those vacancies.~~

15 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS. In
16 order to implement this Act and provide for the transition of
17 the terms of service and membership of the state board of
18 regents as required by this Act, notwithstanding any provision
19 of this Act to the contrary, the terms of the student members
20 of the board shall be implemented as follows:

21 1. The term of the student member serving on the board on
22 the effective date of this Act shall continue until the term
23 expires on April 30, 1997, and the governor shall appoint a
24 student member from the list of names provided representing
25 the same institution of higher learning for the two-year term
26 of the student member which commences May 1, 1997.

27 2. The two-year terms of the two student members added to
28 the board in accordance with this Act representing the two
29 institutions of higher learning that are not represented
30 pursuant to subsection 1 shall commence on May 1, 1996.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill increases membership on the state board of
33 regents from eight to 11 members by adding two more student
34 members to the board so that each institution of higher
35 learning under the control of the board has a student

1 representative as a member of the board. Under the bill, the
2 recognized student government organization at each of the
3 institutions of higher learning under the control of the board
4 shall submit, at least biennially, to the governor a list of
5 at least three names of eligible students.

6 From the names submitted, the governor is to appoint one
7 student from each of the three institutions to serve as a
8 board member. Nonstudent members will continue to serve a
9 six-year term under the bill, but the student members' terms
10 are reduced to two years. If a student member graduates
11 before expiration of the two-year term, the bill provides that
12 the student member may remain on the board if the student's
13 graduation is within one year of the date of the expiration of
14 the student's term on the board.

15 Implementation and transition provisions included in the
16 bill permit the current student member on the board to finish
17 the current term, which expires April 30, 1997. The student
18 members appointed from lists submitted to the governor by the
19 recognized student government organizations at the other two
20 institutions of higher learning shall serve two-year terms
21 commencing May 1, 1996.

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