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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the method of appointing members to the state
2 board of regents and creating a regent candidate advisory
3 commission.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 262.1A REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY
2 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED -- MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES.

3 1. A regent candidate advisory commission is created to
4 advise and make recommendations to the governor regarding the
5 appointment of members to the state board of regents.

6 2. The commission shall consist of twenty-four members
7 jointly appointed by the majority leader of the senate and the
8 speaker of the house of representatives. The membership shall
9 include one student from each of the institutions listed in
10 section 262.7, subsections 1, 2, and 3, who is enrolled on a
11 full-time basis in good standing at either the graduate or
12 undergraduate level at the time of the member's appointment.

13 a. The terms shall be staggered and each member shall
14 serve a three-year term commencing May 1 of the year of
15 appointment. In making all appointments, consideration shall
16 be given to gender, race or ethnic representation, population
17 and demographic factors, and representation of different
18 geographic regions. All appointments shall comply with
19 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. If a vacancy occurs, a successor
20 shall be appointed in the same manner and subject to the same
21 qualifications as the original appointment to serve the
22 unexpired term.

23 b. The commission shall elect a chairperson from its
24 membership for a one-year term. The commission shall meet
25 annually and at other times as necessary.

26 c. All meetings of the commission or a committee
27 established by the commission at which public business is
28 discussed or formal action is taken shall comply with the
29 requirements of chapter 21.

30 d. Members of the commission shall serve without
31 compensation, but shall receive actual and necessary expenses,
32 including travel at the state rate. Payment shall be made
33 from funds available pursuant to section 2.12.

34 e. A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum.

35 3. The commission shall review the qualifications of

1 candidates for membership on the state board of regents.
2 Persons interested in serving as members of the state board of
3 regents shall make application to the commission, and, in
4 addition, the commission may solicit applications. The
5 commission shall consider and be guided by the following when
6 making recommendations:

7 a. The candidate's knowledge of and demonstrated interest
8 in higher education.

9 b. The need for balance of members interested in a
10 specific institution, including, but not limited to, former
11 faculty members or alumni of a specific institution.

12 c. The provisions of section 262.1.

13 d. Other factors deemed pertinent.

14 4. The commission shall submit to the governor at least
15 three but not more than five recommendations for each
16 appointment to the board. The commission shall forward its
17 recommendations to the governor by January 1 in the year in
18 which an appointment is due to expire, or as necessary to fill
19 a vacancy.

20 Sec. 2. Section 262.2, Code 1995, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 262.2 APPOINTMENT -- TERM OF OFFICE.

23 ~~The members shall be appointed by the~~ governor shall
24 appoint a member to the state board of regents from among the
25 names of individuals recommended by the regent candidate

26 advisory commission, subject to confirmation by the senate.

27 The term of each member of the board shall be for six years.

28 The terms of three members of the board shall begin and expire
29 in each odd-numbered year as provided in section 69.19.

30 Sec. 3. INITIAL COMMISSION. Notwithstanding section 1 of
31 this Act, commission members shall be appointed to the
32 following terms: eight members to initial terms of one year,
33 eight members to initial terms of two years, and eight members
34 to terms of three years. The initial organizational meeting
35 shall be called by the majority leader of the senate and the

1 speaker of the house of representatives.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill creates a 24-member regent candidate advisory
4 commission to review the qualifications of candidates for
5 membership on the state board of regents. The commission
6 members are chosen by the majority leader of the senate and
7 the speaker of the house of representatives.

8 The commission recommendations are to be based upon the
9 candidate's knowledge and demonstrated interest in higher
10 education, the need for institutional balance, the provisions
11 of section 262.1, and other factors deemed pertinent.

12 The bill requires the commission to submit at least three
13 but not more than five recommendations to the governor for
14 each appointment to the board by January 1 or as necessary to
15 fill a vacancy. The bill requires that the governor select
16 from the commission's recommendations when making an
17 appointment to the board.

18 The bill provides language to stagger the terms of the
19 initial members of the commission and allows the majority
20 leader of the senate and the speaker of the house to call the
21 initial organizational meeting of the commission.

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