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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the terms of service of certain statewide
2 boards.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 16.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. a. The members of the authority appointed by the governor
4 on or before June 30, 2026, shall serve for staggered terms of
5 six years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19.

6 b. The members of the authority appointed by the governor on
7 or after July 1, 2026, shall serve for staggered terms of four
8 years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19.

9 c. A person appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy shall
10 serve only for the unexpired portion of the term. A member
11 is eligible for reappointment. The ex officio voting member
12 designated by the agricultural development board shall serve at
13 the pleasure of that board. A member of the authority may be
14 removed from office by the governor for misfeasance, malfeasance,
15 or willful neglect of duty or other just cause, after notice and
16 hearing, unless the notice and hearing is expressly waived in
17 writing.

18 Sec. 2. Section 16.2C, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2026,
19 is amended to read as follows:

20 c. (1) Members appointed on or before June 30, 2026, shall
21 serve for staggered terms of six years beginning and ending as
22 provided in section 69.19.

23 (2) Members appointed on or after July 1, 2026, shall serve
24 for staggered terms of four years beginning and ending as
25 provided in section 69.19.

26 (3) A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only
27 for the unexpired portion of the member's term. A member is
28 eligible for reappointment. An appointed member may be removed
29 from office by the governor for misfeasance, malfeasance, willful
30 neglect of duty, or other just cause, after notice and hearing,
31 unless the notice and hearing is expressly waived in writing.

32 Sec. 3. Section 52.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 1. The state commissioner of elections shall appoint three
35 members to a board of examiners for voting systems, not more

1 than two of whom shall be from the same political party.

2 ~~The examiners~~ Examiners appointed on or before June 30, 2026,
3 shall hold office for staggered terms of six years, subject to
4 removal at the pleasure of the state commissioner of elections.
5 Examiners appointed on or after July 1, 2026, shall hold office
6 for staggered terms of four years beginning and ending as
7 provided in section 69.19, subject to removal at the pleasure of
8 the state commissioner of elections.

9 Sec. 4. Section 97B.8A, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code 2026,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 d. (1) The appointive terms of the members appointed by the
12 governor on or before June 30, 2026, are for a period of six
13 years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19.

14 (2) The appointive terms of the members appointed by the
15 governor on or after July 1, 2026, are for a period of four years
16 beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19.

17 (3) If there is a vacancy in the membership of the board for
18 one of the members appointed by the governor, the governor has
19 the power of appointment. Gubernatorial appointees to this board
20 are subject to confirmation by the senate.

21 Sec. 5. Section 256.3, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 3. a. The terms of office for voting members appointed on or
24 before June 30, 2026, are for six years beginning and ending as
25 provided in section 69.19.

26 b. The terms of office for voting members appointed on or
27 after July 1, 2026, are for four years beginning and ending as
28 provided in section 69.19.

29 Sec. 6. Section 262.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **262.2 Appointment — term of office.**

32 1. The members shall be appointed by the governor subject to
33 confirmation by the senate. Prior to appointing the ninth member
34 as specified in section 262.1, the governor shall consult with
35 the appropriate student body government at the institution at

1 which the proposed appointee is enrolled.

2 2. Subject to subsection 3:

3 a. The term of each member of the board appointed on or
4 before June 30, 2026, shall be for six years, unless.

5 b. The term of each member of the board appointed on or after
6 July 1, 2026, shall be for four years.

7 3. If the ninth member, appointed in accordance with section
8 262.1, graduates or is no longer enrolled at an institution of
9 higher education under the board's control more than one year
10 before the expiration of the term, at which time the term of the
11 ninth member shall expire one year from the date on which the
12 member graduates or is no longer enrolled in an institution of
13 higher education under the board's control. However, if within
14 that year the ninth member reenrolls in any institution of higher
15 education under the board's control on a full-time basis and is a
16 student in good standing at either the graduate or undergraduate
17 level, the term of the ninth member shall continue in effect.

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

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to the terms of service of members of
24 certain statewide boards. The bill changes the terms of
25 service for members of the Iowa finance authority board of
26 directors, agricultural development board, board of examiners for
27 voting systems, investment board of the Iowa public employees'
28 retirement system, state board of education, and state board of
29 regents from six years to four years. This change in terms of
30 service applies to members appointed on or after July 1, 2026.