

**House File 2245 - Reprinted**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 538)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 12, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to selection committees for presidents of regents  
2 institutions.

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

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1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "University President Selection Reform Act".

3 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2026,  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 b. (1) When electing a president of an institution of higher  
6 learning, the board ~~may~~ shall use a presidential selection  
7 committee. ~~Only members of the board shall serve as voting~~  
8 ~~members of a presidential selection committee.~~ The committee  
9 shall recommend the most well-qualified candidates considered  
10 by the committee to the board. The board shall only elect a  
11 president from the recommended candidates. The committee may do  
12 any of the following in carrying out its duties:

13 (a) Contract for and use the services of any person engaged  
14 in the business of placing highly qualified job candidates in  
15 leadership positions.

16 (b) Use moneys allocated to the committee by the board.

17 (2) The identity of a candidate being considered by the  
18 committee shall be confidential for purposes of chapter 22 and  
19 shall not be subject to public disclosure unless the identity of  
20 the candidate is made public by agreement of all voting members  
21 of the committee.

22 (3) (a) A presidential selection committee shall consist of  
23 five voting members who shall be members of the board.

24 (b) A presidential selection committee shall also consist of  
25 the following nonvoting members selected by the board:

26 (i) A student enrolled at the institution.

27 (ii) A member of the faculty senate at the institution.

28 (iii) One other employee of the institution.

29 (iv) One member who is either a graduate of the institution,  
30 a member of a nonprofit foundation acting solely for the support  
31 of the institution, or a member of the public.