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May 8, 2001 – Introduced by Senators Grobschmidt, M. Meyer, Hansen, Schultz, Roessler, Burke, Harsdorf and Darling, cosponsored by Representatives Kreibich, Lassa, Shilling, Rhoades, La Fave, Plale, Pocan, Ryba, Plouff, Cullen, J. Lehman, Townsend, Bock, Miller, Olsen, Balow, Berceau, Jeskewitz, Richards, Gronemus, Boyle, Krawczyk, Freese, Sykora, D. Meyer, Wasserman, Turner and Young. Referred to Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 15.91 of the statutes; **relating to:** appointment of students to
- 2 the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides that the governor must appoint one student member to the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System and that the governor may select this student member from recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at institutions within the UW System. This bill requires the governor to appoint two student members, one of whom must be at least 18 years old and selected from the students' recommendations and one of whom must be an undergraduate student who is at least 24 years old and represents the views of nontraditional students, such as those who are employed or who are parents.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 15.91 of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 15.91 Board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System; creation.
- 5 There is created a board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System consisting
- of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president, or by his or her

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designation another member, of the technical college system board and 14 citizen members appointed for staggered 7-year terms, and a student 2 students enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at an institution institutions within the University of Wisconsin System who is at least 18 years old and a resident are residents of this state, for a 2-year term. The student member may be selected from recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at institutions within the University of Wisconsin System terms. The governor shall appoint one student member who is at least 18 years old from recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at institutions within the University of Wisconsin System and shall appoint one undergraduate student member who is at least 24 years old and represents the views of nontraditional students, such as those who are employed or are parents. The governor may not appoint a student member from the same institution in any 2 consecutive terms. If the a student member loses the status upon which the appointment was based, he or she shall cease to be a member of the board of regents.

16 (END)