

2003 SENATE BILL 85

April 2, 2003 – Introduced by Senators SCHULTZ and HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representatives KREIBICH, MUSSER, SERATTI, OWENS, LADWIG, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, GUNDERSON, BIES, OTT, LOEFFELHOLZ, HAHN, KESTELL and M. LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.91 of the statutes; **relating to:** appointment of members
2 of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (Board) consists of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president or another member of the Technical College System Board (TCSB), 14 citizen members, and a student member who is at least 18 years old.

Beginning on May 1, 2004, this bill changes the Board's membership by substituting a resident from each of the 16 technical college districts for the TCSB member and the 14 citizen members and by adding a student member 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:

3 **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
6 of the state superintendent of public instruction, ~~the president, or by his or her~~

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

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

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16 (1) Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for members of the board of
17 regents of the University of Wisconsin System under section 15.91 of the statutes,
18 as affected by this act, the initial members from technical college districts shall be
19 appointed for the following terms:

20 (a) Two members for terms expiring on May 1, 2006.

21 (b) Two members for terms expiring on May 1, 2008.

22 (c) Two members for terms expiring on May 1, 2010.

23 (d) Two members for terms expiring on May 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

