



## 2013 SENATE BILL 157

April 25, 2013 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, LASSA, T. CULLEN, HARRIS and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, BARCA, HULSEY, KAHL, C. TAYLOR, POPE, SINICKI, BERCEAU, OHNSTAD, WRIGHT and SARGENT. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law provides that the governor must appoint two student members to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System and that the governor may select the student members from recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at institutions within the UW System. This bill provides that the governor shall select the student members from these recommendations.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 15.91 of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             **15.91 Board of regents Regents of the University of Wisconsin System;**  
6             **creation.** There is created a board Board of regents Regents of the University of  
7             Wisconsin System consisting of the state superintendent of public instruction, the

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1 president, or by his or her designation another member, of the technical college  
2 system board and 14 citizen members appointed for staggered 7-year terms, and 2  
3 students enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at institutions  
4 within the University of Wisconsin System who are residents of this state, for 2-year  
5 terms. At least one of the citizen members shall reside in each of this state's  
6 congressional districts. The student members ~~may~~ shall be selected from  
7 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; the  
13 2 student members who are appointed may not be from the same institution; and a  
14 student from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and a student from the  
15 University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee may not serve on the Board of Regents at the  
16 same time. If a student member loses the status upon which the appointment was  
17 based, he or she shall cease to be a member of the ~~board~~ Board of ~~regents~~ Regents.

**SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

19 (1) This act first applies to student members appointed by the governor on the  
20 effective date of this subsection.

21 (END)