2015 SENATE BILL 635

January 22, 2016 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, MILLER, WIRCH, VINEHOUT, C. LARSON and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, C. TAYLOR, KAHL, BROSTOFF, BERCEAU, SPREITZER, SHANKLAND, POPE, SINICKI and OHNSTAD. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the governor, in appointing the two student members to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System, to select the student members from recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at institutions within the UW System. Current law allows, but does not require, the governor to select the student members from those recommendations.

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:

15.91 Board of regents Regents of the University of Wisconsin System; creation. There is created a board Board of regents Regents of the University of Wisconsin System consisting of the state superintendent of public instruction, the
president, or by his or her designation another member, of the technical college
system board and 14 citizen members appointed for staggered 7-year terms, and 2
students enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at institutions
within the University of Wisconsin System who are residents of this state, for 2-year
terms. At least one of the citizen members shall reside in each of this state’s
congressional districts. The student members may shall be selected from
recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at
institutions within the University of Wisconsin System. The governor shall appoint
one student member who is at least 18 years old and 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; the
2 student members who are appointed may not be from the same institution; and a
student from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and a student from the
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee may not serve on the Board of Regents at the
same time. If 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.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

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