



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 587

October 2, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives BALDWIN, BALDUS, RYBA, BOYLE, TURNER, BLACK and GRONEMUS, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, MOEN, CLAUSING, CHVALA and MOORE. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 15.91; and *to create* 14.017 (3) and 36.08 of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** the appointment to the board of regents of the
3 University of Wisconsin System and creating a board of regents nominating
4 council.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System consists of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president or another member of the technical college system board, 14 citizen members appointed for 7-year terms and one UW student appointed for a 2-year term. Members appointed for specific terms are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

This bill creates a board of regents nominating council consisting of one faculty member, one academic staff member, one student, one person appointed by the president of the UW system and 3 persons appointed by the governor. When vacancies occur on the board of regents, the nominating council must submit to the governor the names of at least 3 but not more than 5 persons for possible appointment to the board. The governor must nominate one of the persons.

The bill also reduces the length of terms of the 14 citizen members of the board of regents from 7 years to 5 years.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 14.017 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

1 14.017 (3) BOARD OF REGENTS NOMINATING COUNCIL. (a) *Definitions*. In this
2 subsection:

3 1. "Academic staff" has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (1).

4 2. "Center" has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (4).

5 3. "Faculty" has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (8).

6 4. "Institution" has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (9).

7 5. "Student" has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (11).

8 (b) *Membership*. There is created in the office of the governor a board of regents
9 nominating council consisting of all of the following:

10 1. One faculty member appointed by the faculty senate presidents of each
11 institution and center.

12 2. One academic staff member appointed by the academic staff councils of each
13 institution and center.

14 3. One student appointed by the presidents of the elected student governments
15 of each institution and center.

16 4. One person appointed by the president of the University of Wisconsin
17 System.

18 5. Three persons appointed by the governor.

19 (c) *General provisions*. 1. Members of the nominating council appointed under
20 this subsection shall serve 2-year terms. Section 15.09 (4), (6) and (8) applies to the
21 council. Section 15.09 (2) and (3) applies to the council except that the governor shall
22 appoint the chairperson of the council from among the council members and the
23 council is not required to meet at least annually.

24 2. No institution or center may be represented under par. (b) 1., 2. or 3. for more
25 than 2 consecutive terms.

1 **SECTION 2.** 15.91 of the statutes is renumbered 15.91 (intro.) and amended to
2 read:

3 **15.91 Board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system; creation.**
4 (intro.) There is created a board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system
5 consisting of ~~the~~ all of the following:

6 (1) The state superintendent of public instruction, ~~the~~.

7 (2) The president, or by his or her designation another member, of the technical
8 college system board ~~and 14~~.

9 (3) Fourteen citizen members appointed for ~~staggered 7-year~~ 5-year terms,
10 ~~and a~~.

11 (4) A student enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at an
12 institution or center within the university of Wisconsin system who is at least 18
13 years old and a resident of this state, appointed for a 2-year term. ~~The student~~
14 ~~member may be selected from recommendations made by elected representatives of~~
15 ~~student governments at institutions and centers within the university of Wisconsin~~
16 ~~system.~~ The governor may not appoint a student member from the same institution
17 or center in any 2 consecutive terms. If the student member loses the status upon
18 which the appointment was based, he or she shall cease to be a member of the board
19 of regents.

20 **SECTION 3.** 36.08 of the statutes is created to read:

21 **36.08 Board of regents nominating council.** (1) At least 30 days before
22 the term of a board member appointed under s. 15.91 (3) or (4) is scheduled to expire,
23 or not more than 90 days after a vacancy on the board under s. 15.91 (3) or (4) occurs,
24 whichever is applicable, the board of regents nominating council shall submit to the

1 governor the names of at least 3 but not more than 5 persons for possible
2 appointment to the board under s. 15.91 (3) or (4).

3 (2) Within 30 days after receiving the list of names under sub. (1), the governor
4 shall nominate one of the persons from the list to the board.

5 (3) Persons recommended by the nominating council for nomination to the
6 board shall reflect the diversity of this state, represent all geographical regions of
7 this state, be knowledgeable about higher education and the system, including the
8 mission of the system, and be involved with public instruction and higher education
9 in this state.

10 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin System.**

11 (1) Notwithstanding section 15.91 of the statutes, as affected by this act,
12 members of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System serving on
13 the effective date of this subsection shall continue to serve for the terms for which
14 they were appointed.

15 (END)