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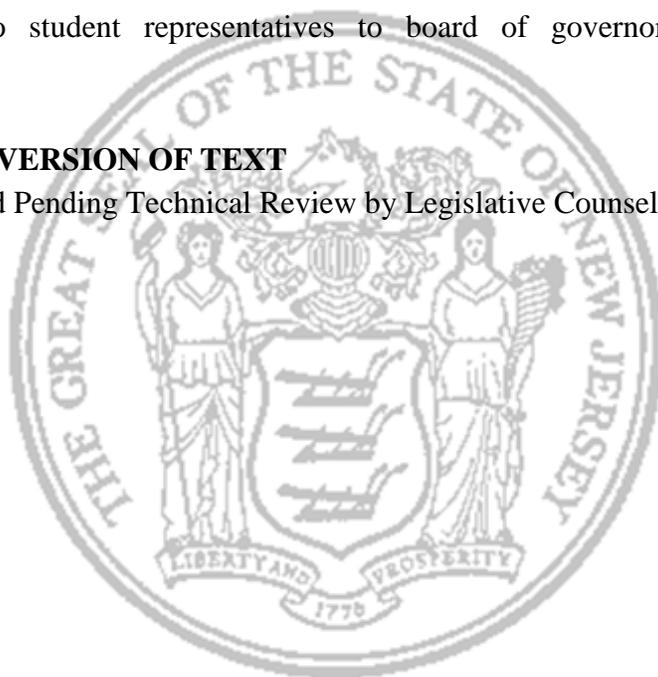
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SYNOPSIS

Adds two student representatives to board of governors of Rutgers University.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning the membership of the board of governors of
2 Rutgers University and amending and supplementing chapter 65
3 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. N.J.S.18A:65-14 is amended to read as follows:

9 18A:65-14. The membership of the board of governors shall be
10 classified as follows and consist of:

11 a. the president of the corporation, serving as an ex officio non-
12 voting member; **[and]**

13 b. 11 voting members,

14 i. six of whom shall be appointed by the Governor of the State,
15 with the advice and consent of the Senate, and

16 ii. five of whom shall be appointed by the board of trustees,
17 from among their members elected and serving under the provisions
18 of subsection I.c. or I.d. of 18A:65-15**[.]**; and

19 c. two student representatives who shall be full-time, regularly
20 matriculated students in good academic standing, and who shall be
21 18 years of age or older and citizens of the United States, to be
22 elected by the students of the university pursuant to section 2 of
23 P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
24 bill) to serve on the board of governors for terms of two years
25 commencing at the next organization of the board.

26 All members, other than the student representatives, shall serve
27 for terms of six years, except that the terms of those initially
28 appointed by the Governor which began on September 1, 1956,
29 shall expire respectively (as designated by him) one, two, three,
30 four, five and six years after June 30, 1956, and terms of those
31 initially appointed by the board of trustees which began on
32 September 1, 1956, shall expire respectively (as designated by the
33 board) two, three, four, five and six years after June 30, 1956; all of
34 whose respective successors shall be appointed to serve six-year
35 terms. Governors may succeed themselves for not more than one
36 additional term after having served one full six-year term (including
37 an initial term beginning on September 1, 1956, and expiring on
38 June 30, 1962).

39 (cf: P.L.1994, c.48, s.177)

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41 2. (New section) a. In order to implement the provisions of
42 subsection c. of N.J.S.18A:65-14, the board of governors shall
43 schedule a public hearing within 90 days of the effective date of
44 P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
45 bill) on the question of the method of election of student

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 representatives to the board. At its next regularly scheduled
2 meeting following the public hearing, the board of governors shall
3 determine whether the students are to be elected by the student body
4 at large or by the members of the student government association.
5 The method of the selection and the designation of eligible
6 academic status of the student representatives shall be determined
7 by the board of governors.

8 b. For the first election held pursuant to this section, one student
9 shall be elected for a one-year term as a full voting member, and
10 one student shall be elected for two years, but shall serve as an
11 alternate member during the first year and as a voting member
12 during the second year.

13 At each subsequent election, one student shall be elected for two
14 years, but shall serve during the first year as an alternate member,
15 and as a voting member during the second year. Any vacancies
16 which occur shall be filled by the student governing body for the
17 unexpired term only.

18 c. The standards for eligibility for student representatives on the
19 board of governors shall be the same as those required for other
20 student government officers.

21 d. The student members shall be entitled to full participation in
22 all activities of the board except that they shall not participate in:

23 (1) any matter involving the employment, appointment,
24 termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment,
25 evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any
26 specific prospective officer or employee or current officer or
27 employee employed or appointed by the board, unless all the
28 individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely
29 affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at
30 a public meeting;

31 (2) any matter involving the purchase, lease, acquisition or sale
32 of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or
33 investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the
34 public interest if discussion of these matters were disclosed; and

35 (3) any pending or anticipated litigation in which the board is, or
36 may become, a party, where it could adversely affect the public
37 interest if discussion of these matters were disclosed, or any matters
38 falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that
39 confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his
40 ethical duties as a lawyer.

41 e. Upon assuming office, the students shall agree to adhere to
42 such standards of responsibility and confidentiality as are
43 established by the board of governors.

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45 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill adds two student representatives to the board of governors of Rutgers University. Membership of the board currently consists of the president of the university, serving as an ex officio non-voting member, and 11 voting members, six of whom are appointed by the Governor, and five of whom are members of the board of trustees of the university.

Under the bill, two full-time, regularly matriculated student representatives in good academic standing, who are 18 years of age or older and citizens of the United States, are to be elected by the students of the university to serve on the board of governors for terms of two years.

The bill requires the board of governors to schedule a public hearing on the question of the method of election of student representatives to the board within 90 days of the bill's effective date. At its next regularly scheduled meeting following the public hearing, the board of governors will determine whether the students are to be elected by the student body at large or by the members of the student government association. The method of the selection and the designation of eligible academic status of the student representatives will be determined by the board of governors.

Under the bill, for the first election held for student representatives, one student will be elected for a one-year term as a full voting member, and one student will be elected for two years, but will serve as an alternate member during the first year and as a voting member during the second year. At each subsequent election, one student is to be elected for two years, but will serve during the first year as an alternate member, and as a voting member during the second year.