

HOUSE BILL 483

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a) and (b), relative to appointment by the governor of faculty and student members to the board of regents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a)(3)(D), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(D)

(i) Two (2) additional members shall be current faculty members at institutions of the board of regents. One (1) faculty member shall be a voting member and one (1) faculty member shall be a non-voting member, it being the intent of the general assembly that a faculty member serve one (1) year as a non-voting member before becoming the voting member. The faculty member serving as a regent from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, shall also serve as the voting faculty member from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014. Beginning July 1, 2013, the governor shall appoint the non-voting faculty member from a list of three (3) nominees who shall be:

(a) The president of the faculty senate, or equivalent body, at a four-year institution;

(b) The president of the faculty senate, or equivalent body, at a two-year institution; and

(c) A representative of the faculty selected by the faculty, at a technology center.

(ii)

(a) The 2013 nominee for non-voting member from a four-year institution shall be from Austin Peay State University, followed by East Tennessee State University, the University of Memphis, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University and Tennessee Technological University. When a nominee has been submitted from each four-year institution, the cycle shall be repeated.

(b) The 2013 nominee for non-voting member from a two-year institution shall be from Jackson State Community College, followed by Motlow State Community College, Nashville State Community College, Northeast State Community College, Pellissippi State Community College, Roane State Community College, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Volunteer State Community College, Walters State Community College, Chattanooga State Community College, Cleveland State Community College, Columbia State Community College and Dyersburg State Community College. When a nominee has been submitted from each two-year institution, the cycle shall be repeated.

(c) The 2013 nominee for non-voting member from a technology center shall be from TTC Murfreesboro followed by Nashville, Newbern, Oneida, Paris, Pulaski, Ripley, Shelbyville, Whiteville, Chattanooga, Covington, Crossville, Crump, Dickson, Elizabethton, Harriman, Hartsville, Hohenwald, Jacksboro, Jackson, Knoxville, Lexington, Livingston, McKenzie, McMinnville, Memphis and Morristown. When a nominee has been submitted from each technology center, the cycle shall be repeated.

(iii) The nominees from the applicable institutions each year shall be forwarded to the chancellor of the board of regents for submission to the governor no later than the month of April. The non-voting member shall serve a

one-year term before assuming the voting position for an additional one-year term. Each term shall begin July 1 and end the following June 30.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following language:

(b)

(1) Two (2) additional members shall be students at institutions that are members of the state university and community college system. One (1) student member shall be a voting member and one (1) student member shall be a non-voting member before becoming the voting member. The student serving as a regent from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, shall also serve as the voting student member from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014. Beginning July 1, 2013, the governor shall annually appoint the non-voting student member from a list of three (3) nominees selected and submitted no later than the month of April by the presidents of the student government association/associated student bodies of all colleges and universities in the state university and community college system.

(2) The non-voting member shall serve a one-year term beginning on July 1 following the member's appointment by the governor before assuming the voting position for an additional one-year term beginning the following July 1. The student member shall retain status as a student in good standing within the state university and community college system for the duration of the student's two (2) one-year terms on the board.

(3) The student regent nominee for the non-voting member shall be selected in accordance with the following:

(A)

(i) One (1) nominee shall be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of nomination at a four-year institution that is a member of the state university and community college system;

(ii) One (1) nominee shall be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of nomination at a two-year institution that is a member of the state university and community college system;

and

(iii) One (1) nominee shall be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of nomination at any institution that is a member of the state university and community college system, with the provision that neither of the other two (2) nominees is enrolled at the same institution;

(B) All nominees for the position of student regent shall be residents of this state; and

(C) A majority of the student government association/associated student body presidents of all community colleges and universities in the state university and community college system shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the nomination. A two-third (2/3) vote of the quorum shall be required to effect all nominations.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "nineteen (19) members" and by substituting instead the language "twenty (20) members".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.