



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 39

March 1, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives SEVERSON, BALLWEG, BEWLEY, BROOKS, KNUDSON, LEMAHIEU, MURSAU, A. OTT, RIVARD, SHILLING, SPANBAUER, TAUCHEN and WYNN, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, GALLOWAY, OLSEN, MOULTON, LASSA and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, 14 citizen members serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (board). This bill requires the appointment to the board of at least one citizen member who resides in each of Wisconsin's congressional districts.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.91 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **15.91 Board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System; creation.**
5 There is created a board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System consisting
6 of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president, or by his or her
7 designation another member, of the technical college system board and 14 citizen
8 members appointed for staggered 7-year terms, and 2 students enrolled at least

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1 half-time and in good academic standing at institutions within the University of
2 Wisconsin System who are residents of this state, for 2-year terms. At least one of
3 the citizen members shall reside in each of this state's congressional districts. The
4 student members may be selected from recommendations made by elected
5 representatives of student governments at institutions within the University of
6 Wisconsin System. The governor shall appoint one student member who is at least
7 18 years old and one undergraduate student member who is at least 24 years old and
8 represents the views of nontraditional students, such as those who are employed or
9 are parents. The governor may not appoint a student member from the same
10 institution in any 2 consecutive terms; the 2 student members who are appointed
11 may not be from the same institution; and a student from the University of
12 Wisconsin–Madison and a student from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
13 may not serve on the Board of Regents at the same time. If a student member loses
14 the status upon which the appointment was based, he or she shall cease to be a
15 member of the board of regents.

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

17 (1) Notwithstanding section 15.91 of the statutes, as affected by this act:

18 (a) The initial term of one of the citizen members of the Board of Regents of the
19 University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
20 commence on May 1, 2013.

21 (b) The initial term of one of the citizen members of the Board of Regents of the
22 University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
23 commence on May 1, 2014.

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1 (c) The initial term of one of the citizen members of the Board of Regents of the
2 University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
3 commence on May 1, 2015.

4 (d) The initial term of one of the citizen members of the Board of Regents of the
5 University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
6 commence on May 1, 2016.

7 (e) The initial term of one of the citizen members of the Board of Regents of the
8 University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
9 commence on May 1, 2017.

10 (f) The initial term of one of the citizen members of the Board of Regents of the
11 University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
12 commence on May 1, 2018.

13 (g) The initial term of the remaining citizen members of the Board of Regents
14 of the University of Wisconsin System representing a congressional district shall
15 commence on May 1, 2019.

16 (END)