

SENATE FILE NO. SF0038

University of Wyoming board of trustees.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ross and Representative(s) Brown
and Stubson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the membership of
2 the University of Wyoming board of trustees; providing
3 qualifications; making the act contingent upon passage of a
4 constitutional amendment as specified; specifying
5 legislative findings; specifying implementation; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-201 is amended to read:

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12 **21-17-201. Composition; appointment and**
13 **qualifications of members generally; members ex officio;**
14 **quorum.**

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1 The government of the university is vested in a board of
2 ~~twelve (12)~~ thirteen (13) trustees appointed by the
3 governor, no two (2) of whom may be residents of the same
4 county of the state. No more than two (2) appointed
5 trustees shall be residents of a state other than Wyoming.
6 Any person appointed as trustee who is not a resident of
7 Wyoming shall possess verifiable and demonstrable interest
8 in and past interactions with the university which are
9 reflective of commitment to the educational mission of the
10 university. At least one (1) trustee shall be appointed
11 from each appointment district pursuant to W.S. 9-1-218.
12 Not more than seven (7) members of the board shall be
13 registered in the same political party. The governor, the
14 president of the university, the state superintendent of
15 public instruction, and the president of the associated
16 students of the university are members ex officio, having
17 the right to speak, but not to vote. A majority of the
18 board is a quorum.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective only if the electors
21 adopt a constitutional amendment at the 2014 general
22 election removing the requirement that all trustees of the
23 University of Wyoming must be a resident of the state of
24 Wyoming, as provided in 2013 Senate Joint Resolution 1.

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1 **Section 3.** Notwithstanding W.S. 21-17-202, the
2 initial term of the board of trustee member appointed
3 pursuant to this act shall expire on March 1, 2021. The
4 governor shall nominate, and the additional board member
5 shall be confirmed, in accordance with W.S. 21-17-202

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7 **Section 4.** The legislature finds that the University
8 of Wyoming prepares students for life in a global economy
9 and that the university is integrally involved in a world
10 extending well beyond the borders of Wyoming. Removing
11 restrictions on qualifications for potential board of
12 trustee members as provided in this act reflects those
13 realities while at the same time ensuring that all or nearly
14 all trustees will be Wyoming residents.

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16 **Section 5.** Subject to section 2 of this act, this act
17 is effective upon certification of the election results of
18 the 2014 general election.

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(END)