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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to trustees of the state university and city university

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 353 of the education law, as  
2 amended by chapter 268 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. The state university shall be governed, and all of its corporate  
5 powers exercised, by a board of trustees. Such board shall consist of  
6 eighteen members, fifteen of whom shall be appointed by the governor  
7 with the advice and consent of the senate, one of whom shall be the  
8 president of the student assembly of the state university, ex-officio  
9 and voting, one of whom shall be the president of the university faculty  
10 senate, ex-officio and non-voting; PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH MEMBER, EXCEPT  
11 THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OR ANY  
12 CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, SHALL BE THE EMPLOYEE OF, OR UNDER  
13 THE SUPERVISION OF, THE GOVERNOR, and one of whom shall be the president  
14 of the faculty council of community colleges, ex-officio and non-voting.  
15 Such ex-officio members shall be subject to every provision of any  
16 general, special, or local law, ordinance, charter, code, rule, or regulation  
17 applying to the voting members of such board with respect to the  
18 discharge of their duties, including, but not limited to, those  
19 provisions setting forth codes of ethics, disclosure requirements, and  
20 prohibiting business and professional activities. One member of the  
21 board shall be designated by the governor as chairperson and one as  
22 vice-chairperson. Of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed  
23 for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
24 fifty-two; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen  
25 hundred fifty-three; two for a term which shall expire on June thirti-

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 eth, nineteen hundred fifty-four; one for a term which shall expire on  
2 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-five; two for a term which shall  
3 expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-six; one for a term  
4 which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-seven; two  
5 for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
6 fifty-eight; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nine-  
7 teen hundred fifty-nine; two for a term which shall expire on June thir-  
8 tieth, nineteen hundred sixty; and one for a term which shall expire on  
9 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty-one. Vacancies shall be filled  
10 for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The  
11 term of office of each trustee appointed on or after April first, nine-  
12 teen hundred eighty-six shall be seven years, except those of the  
13 student member and the faculty members. Trustees shall receive no  
14 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their  
15 expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of  
16 their duties under this article.

17 S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 6204 of the education  
18 law, as added by chapter 305 of the laws of 1979, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 (a) The board of trustees shall consist of seventeen trustees. Ten of  
21 the trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and  
22 consent of the senate; PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH TRUSTEE, EXCEPT ANY CLASSI-  
23 FIED CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF, OR UNDER THE  
24 SUPERVISION OF, THE GOVERNOR. Five of the trustees shall be appointed  
25 by the mayor of the city of New York with the advice and consent of the  
26 senate; PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH TRUSTEE, EXCEPT ANY CLASSIFIED CIVIL  
27 SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF, OR  
28 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. One ex-of-  
29 ficio trustee shall be the chairperson of the university student senate.  
30 One ex-officio non-voting trustee shall be the chairperson of the  
31 university faculty senate.

32 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to board  
33 members of the state university of New York and trustees of the city  
34 university of New York appointed on or after such effective date.