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IN SENATE

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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, and one of whom shall be the presi-
11 dent of the faculty council of community colleges, ex-officio and non-
12 voting; provided that no such members, with the exception of ex-officio
13 members and classified civil service employees, shall be the employee
14 of, or under the supervision of, the governor. Such ex-officio members
15 shall be subject to every provision of any general, special, or local
16 law, ordinance, charter, code, rule, or regulation applying to the
17 voting members of such board with respect to the discharge of their
18 duties, including, but not limited to, those provisions setting forth
19 codes of ethics, disclosure requirements, and prohibiting business and
20 professional activities. One member of the board shall be designated by
21 the governor as chairperson and one as vice-chairperson. Of the members
22 first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term which shall expire on
23 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-two; one for a term which shall
24 expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-three; two for a term
25 which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-four; one

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

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

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

19 (a) The board of trustees shall consist of seventeen trustees. Ten of
20 the trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and
21 consent of the senate; provided that no such trustee, with the exception
22 of ex-officio members and classified civil service employees, shall be
23 an employee of, or under the supervision of, the governor. Five of the
24 trustees shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New York with
25 the advice and consent of the senate; provided that no such trustee,
26 with the exception of ex-officio members and classified civil service
27 employees of the city of New York, shall be an employee of, or under the
28 supervision of, the mayor of the city of New York. One ex-officio trus-
29 tee shall be the chairperson of the university student senate. One
30 ex-officio non-voting trustee shall be the chairperson of the university
31 faculty senate.

32 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the
33 state university of New York and the city university of New York trus-
34 tees appointed on or after such effective date.