# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN ASSEMBLY

May 10, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Blumencranz) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the composition of the board of regents

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "regents modernization act".

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 202 of the education law, as amended by chapter 547 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

1. The University of the State of New York shall be governed and all its corporate powers exercised by a board of regents the number of whose members shall at all times be **at least** four more than the number of the then existing judicial districts of the state and shall not be less than fifteen. **Based on annual enrollment data collected as part of the education department's student information repository system, judicial districts containing k-twelve student enrollment which exceeds fifteen percent of the state's total k-twelve enrollment shall be represented by two members.** The regents in office April first, nineteen hundred seventy-four shall hold office, in the order of their election, for such times that the term of one such regent will expire in each year on the first day of April. Commencing April first, nineteen hundred seventy-four, each regent shall be elected for a term of seven years, each such term to expire on the first day of April. Commencing on April first, nineteen hundred ninety-four, each regent shall be elected for a term of five years, each such term to expire on the first day of April. Each regent shall be elected by the legislature by concurrent resolution in the preceding March, on or before the first Tuesday of such month. If, however, the legislature fails to agree on such concurrent resolution by the first Tuesday of such month, then the two houses shall meet in joint session at noon on the second Tuesday of such month and proceed to elect such regent by joint ballot.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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