STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 8, 2025

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 the membership of the board of trustees of the state university of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 353 of the education law, as amended by chapter 268 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

1. The state university shall be governed, and all of its corporate powers exercised, by a board of trustees. Such board shall consist of eighteen members, [~~fifteen~~] ten of whom shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one of whom shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one of whom shall be the president of the student assembly of the state university, ex-officio and voting, one of whom shall be the president of the university faculty senate, ex-officio and [~~non-voting~~] voting, [~~and~~] one of whom shall be the president of the faculty council of community colleges, ex-officio and [~~non-voting~~] voting, one of whom shall be a staff member of the state university or the city university of New York and who shall be elected to serve as trustee by a majority vote of staff members of the state university and city university of New York, and two of whom shall be alumni of the state university of New York who shall be elected to serve as trustee by a majority vote of state university of New York alumni. Such ex-officio members shall be subject to every provision of any general, special, or local law, ordinance, charter, code, rule, or regulation applying to the voting members of such board with respect to the discharge of their duties, including, but not limited to, those provisions setting forth codes of ethics, disclosure requirements, and prohibiting business and professional activities. One member of the

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

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board shall be designated by the governor as chairperson and one as vice-chairperson. Of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-two; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-three; two for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-four; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-five; two for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-six; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-seven; two for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-eight; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty-nine; two for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty; and one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty-one. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The term of office of each trustee appointed on or after April first, nineteen hundred eighty-six shall be seven years, except those of the student member and the faculty members. Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties under this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.