

STATE OF NEW YORK

10786

IN ASSEMBLY

April 1, 2026

Introduced by 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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

5 1. The University of the State of New York shall be governed and all
6 its corporate powers exercised by a board of regents the number of whose
7 members shall at all times be at least four more than the number of the
8 then existing judicial districts of the state and shall not be less than
9 fifteen.

10 Based on annual enrollment data collected as part of the
11 education department's student information repository system, judicial
12 districts containing k-twelve student enrollment which exceeds fifteen
13 percent of the state's total k-twelve enrollment shall be represented by
14 two members.

15 The regents in office April first, nineteen hundred seven-
16 ty-four shall hold office, in the order of their election, for such
17 times that the term of one such regent will expire in each year on the
18 first day of April. Commencing April first, nineteen hundred seventy-
19 four, each regent shall be elected for a term of seven years, each such
20 term to expire on the first day of April. Commencing on April first,
21 nineteen hundred ninety-four, each regent shall be elected for a term of
22 five years, each such term to expire on the first day of April. Each
23 regent shall be elected by the legislature by concurrent resolution in
24 the preceding March, on or before the first Tuesday of such month. If,
25 however, the legislature fails to agree on such concurrent resolution by
26 the first Tuesday of such month, then the two houses shall meet in joint
27 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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