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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 18, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- 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 requiring that regents and elective officers of the university of the state of New York prove that their primary residence is located within New York state before entering on their duties

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

Section 1. Section 203 of the education law is amended to read as follows:

§ 203. Officers. **1.** The elective officers of the university shall be a chancellor and a vice-chancellor who shall serve without salary, and such other officers as are deemed necessary by the regents, all of whom shall be chosen by ballot by the regents and shall hold office during their pleasure; but no election, removal or change of salary of an elective officer shall be made by less than six votes in favor thereof. Each regent and each elective officer shall, before entering on [~~his~~] **their** duties, take and file with the secretary of state the oath of office required of state officers**, and prove that their primary residence is located within New York state**.

2. The chancellor shall preside at all convocations and at all meetings of the regents, and confer all degrees which they shall authorize. In [~~his~~] **the chancellor's** absence or inability to act, the vice-chancellor, or if [~~he~~] **the vice-chancellor** be also absent, the senior regent present, shall perform all the duties and have all the powers of the chancellor.

§ 2. 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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