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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 appointed by the governor shall
13 also be a paid employee serving at the pleasure of the governor. Such
14 ex-officio members shall be subject to every provision of any general,
15 special, or local law, ordinance, charter, code, rule, or regulation
16 applying to the voting members of such board with respect to the
17 discharge of their duties, including, but not limited to, those
18 provisions setting forth codes of ethics, disclosure requirements, and
19 prohibiting business and professional activities. One member of the
20 board shall be designated by the governor as chairperson and one as
21 vice-chairperson. Of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed
22 for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
23 fifty-two; one for a term which shall expire on June thirtieth, nineteen
24 hundred fifty-three; two for a term which shall expire on June thirti-

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

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

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

20 (a) The board of trustees shall consist of seventeen trustees. Ten of
21 the trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and
22 consent of the senate; provided that no such trustee appointed by the
23 governor shall also be a paid employee serving at the pleasure of the
24 governor. Five of the trustees shall be appointed by the mayor of the
25 city of New York with the advice and consent of the senate; provided
26 that no such trustee appointed by the mayor of the city of New York
27 shall be a paid employee serving at the pleasure of the mayor of the
28 city of New York. One ex-officio trustee shall be the chairperson of
29 the university student senate. One ex-officio non-voting trustee shall
30 be the chairperson of the university faculty senate.

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