

AN ACT relating to higher education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is  
amended by changing Section 25-15 as follows:

(110 ILCS 680/25-15)

Sec. 25-15. Membership; terms; vacancies. The Board shall consist of 9 voting members who are residents of this State and are appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one voting member who is a student at Northeastern Illinois University. The student member shall be elected by a campus-wide election of all students of the University. The student member shall serve a term of one year beginning on July 1 of each year, except that the student member initially selected under this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly shall serve a term beginning on the date of his or her selection and expiring on the next succeeding June 30. A student member may serve only for one term. To be eligible to remain as a student member of the Board, the student member must be a resident of this State, must have and maintain a grade point average that is equivalent to at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and must be a full time undergraduate student enrolled at all times during his or her term of office except for that part of the term which follows the completion of the last full regular semester of an academic year and precedes the first full regular semester of the succeeding academic year at the university (sometimes commonly referred to as the summer session or summer school). If a student member serving on the Board fails to continue to meet or maintain the residency, minimum grade point average, or enrollment

requirement established by this Section, his or her membership on the Board shall be deemed to have terminated by operation of law. If any member of the Board appointed by the Governor fails to continue to meet or maintain the residency requirement established by this Section, he or she shall resign membership on the Board within 30 days thereafter and, failing submission of this resignation, his or her membership on the Board shall be deemed to have terminated by operation of law. Of the members first appointed by the Governor, 4 shall be appointed for terms to expire on the third Monday in January, 1999 and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and 3 shall be appointed for terms to expire on the third Monday in January, 2001 and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The 2 additional members appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, under this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, shall not be from the same political party and shall be appointed for terms to expire on the third Monday in January, 2003 and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in membership existing on January 1, 1999 shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term to expire on the third Monday in January, 2003. If the Senate is not in session on the effective date of this Article, or if a vacancy in an appointive membership occurs at a time when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall make temporary appointments to fill the vacancy. Members with these temporary appointments shall be deemed qualified to serve upon appointment and shall continue to serve until the next meeting of the Senate when the Governor shall appoint persons to fill such memberships, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the remainder of their respective terms. No more than 5 of the members appointed by the Governor shall be affiliated with

the same political party. Each member appointed by the Governor must be a resident of this State. A failure to meet or maintain this residency requirement constitutes a resignation from and creates a vacancy in the Board. Upon the expiration of the terms of members appointed by the Governor for other than temporary appointments, their respective successors shall be appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for terms of 6 years from the third Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. Any members appointed to the Board shall continue to serve in such capacity until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(Source: P.A. 91-565, eff. 8-14-99; 91-778, eff. 1-1-01; 91-798, eff. 7-9-00; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.