

SB3713



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 310/1

from Ch. 144, par. 41

Amends the University of Illinois Trustees Act. Provides that one of the 9 members of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor must be involved in agricultural pursuits. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Trustees Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 310/1) (from Ch. 144, par. 41)

7 Sec. 1. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
8 shall consist of the Governor and at least 12 trustees. Nine
9 trustees shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the
10 advice and consent of the Senate. The other trustees shall be
11 students, of whom one student shall be selected from each
12 University campus.

13 Each student trustee shall serve a term of one year,
14 beginning on July 1 or on the date of his or her selection,
15 whichever is later, and expiring on the next succeeding June
16 30.

17 Each trustee shall have all of the privileges of
18 membership, except that only one student trustee shall have the
19 right to cast a legally binding vote. The Governor shall
20 designate which one of the student trustees shall possess, for
21 his or her entire term, the right to cast a legally binding
22 vote. Each student trustee who does not possess the right to
23 cast a legally binding vote shall have the right to cast an

1 advisory vote and the right to make and second motions and to
2 attend executive sessions.

3 Each trustee shall be governed by the same conflict of
4 interest standards. Pursuant to those standards, it shall not
5 be a conflict of interest for a student trustee to vote on
6 matters pertaining to students generally, such as tuition and
7 fees. However, it shall be a conflict of interest for a student
8 trustee to vote on faculty member tenure or promotion. Student
9 trustees shall be chosen by campus-wide student election, and
10 the student trustee designated by the Governor to possess a
11 legally binding vote shall be one of the students selected by
12 this method. A student trustee who does not possess a legally
13 binding vote on a measure at a meeting of the Board or any of
14 its committees shall not be considered a trustee for the
15 purpose of determining whether a quorum is present at the time
16 that measure is voted upon. To be eligible for selection as a
17 student trustee and to be eligible to remain as a voting or
18 nonvoting student trustee, a student trustee must be a resident
19 of this State, must have and maintain a grade point average
20 that is equivalent to at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and must be a
21 full time student enrolled at all times during his or her term
22 of office except for that part of the term which follows the
23 completion of the last full regular semester of an academic
24 year and precedes the first full regular semester of the
25 succeeding academic year at the University (sometimes commonly
26 referred to as the summer session or summer school). If a

1 voting or nonvoting student trustee fails to continue to meet
2 or maintain the residency, minimum grade point average, or
3 enrollment requirement established by this Section, his or her
4 membership on the Board shall be deemed to have terminated by
5 operation of law.

6 If a voting student trustee resigns or otherwise ceases to
7 serve on the Board, the Governor shall, within 30 days,
8 designate one of the remaining student trustees to possess the
9 right to cast a legally binding vote for the remainder of his
10 or her term. If a nonvoting student trustee resigns or
11 otherwise ceases to serve on the Board, the chief executive of
12 the student government from that campus shall, within 30 days,
13 select a new nonvoting student trustee to serve for the
14 remainder of the term.

15 No more than 5 of the 9 appointed trustees shall be
16 affiliated with the same political party. One of the 9 members
17 of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor must be
18 involved in agricultural pursuits. Each trustee appointed by
19 the Governor must be a resident of this State. A failure to
20 meet or maintain this residency requirement constitutes a
21 resignation from and creates a vacancy in the Board. The term
22 of office of each appointed trustee shall be 6 years from the
23 third Monday in January of each odd numbered year. The regular
24 terms of office of the appointed trustees shall be staggered so
25 that 3 terms expire in each odd-numbered year.

26 Vacancies for appointed trustees shall be filled for the

1 unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. If
2 a vacancy in membership occurs at a time when the Senate is not
3 in session, the Governor shall make temporary appointments
4 until the next meeting of the Senate, when he shall appoint
5 persons to fill such memberships for the remainder of their
6 respective terms. If the Senate is not in session when
7 appointments for a full term are made, appointments shall be
8 made as in the case of vacancies.

9 No action of the board shall be invalidated by reason of
10 any vacancies on the board, or by reason of any failure to
11 select student trustees.

12 (Source: P.A. 91-778, eff. 1-1-01; 91-798, eff. 7-9-00; 92-16,
13 eff. 6-28-01.)

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