

Subject Higher Education: University of Minnesota Board of Regents

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Overview

The legislature elects members to the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents. This bill requires that one such member be a university faculty member. It also addresses how redistricting and reapportionment of Minnesota's congressional districts would affect the current law providing that each congressional district be represented on the board. Finally, it changes the current process for electing regents by, among other things, eliminating the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) and moving its responsibilities to the Joint Legislative Committee for regent nomination.

For more information about the current procedure for regent election, see the House Research publication [Election of University of Minnesota Regents](#).

Summary

Section	Description
1	Faculty member on Board of Regents. Provides that the legislature shall elect a tenured faculty member to one of the board's at-large seats.
2	Congressional districts represented on Board of Regents. Amends existing law to address how redistricting and reapportionment of congressional districts shall affect the election of members to the board.
3	Regent nomination and election. Because section 5 repeals the section of law establishing the Regent Candidate Advisory Council, amends existing law on the joint legislative committee to give the committee, with support from the Legislative Coordinating Commission, the responsibility of recruiting and screening candidates for the board. Amends provisions regarding how the joint committee may recommend regent candidates to the joint convention. Adds provisions regarding the process of the joint convention.

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4	Request to the Board of Regents. Requests the board to amend its policies to allow a tenured faculty member to serve as a regent, in connection with section 1 of the bill. Currently, § VIII, subd. 2, of the Board's "Code of Conduct for Members of the Board of Regents" prohibits a regent from serving as a "compensated University employee."
5	Repealer. Repeals the section of law establishing the Regent Candidate Advisory Council.



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