

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 adds certain requirements regarding the composition of the board; it addresses how redistricting and reapportionment of Minnesota's congressional districts affects regent elections; and it imposes a two-term limit for regents. Finally, it changes the composition of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC), and addresses the joint committee and joint convention processes for regent nomination and election.

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

Summary

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| 1 | Board of Regents seats assigned.
Provides that the legislature shall elect a tenured faculty member and a representative of a university employee labor organization to two of the board's three unassigned at-large seats. Also provides that one regent shall be a member of a recognized Indian tribe in Minnesota. |
| 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 | Term limits for university regents.
Imposes a two-term limit on regents. |
| 4 | RCAC: Membership.
Changes the current composition of the RCAC. Provides that the RCAC will consist of the following 25 members: |

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ five house appointees;▪ five senate appointees;▪ five current faculty members (one from each campus) appointed by faculty senate;▪ five student body presidents, one from each campus; and▪ five designees from the listed councils.
5	<p>RCAC: Duties.</p> <p>Eliminates an RCAC provision preventing it from indirectly imposing regent term limits, as actual term limits are now imposed in section 3 of the bill.</p>
6	<p>Regent nomination and election.</p> <p>Requires the joint legislative committee for regent nomination to nominate two candidates—rather than one—for each vacancy on the board. Prohibits floor nominations at the joint legislation convention for regent election. Requires the joint house and senate rules to be amended to conform to this section.</p>
7	<p>Request to the Board of Regents.</p> <p>Requests the board to amend its policies to allow a tenured faculty member and/or a labor organization representative 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.”</p>



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