

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB2239

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 520/2 from Ch. 144, par. 652 110 ILCS 520/4 from Ch. 144, par. 654 110 ILCS 520/5 from Ch. 144, par. 655

Amends the Southern Illinois University Management Act. Provides that both student members (rather than only one student member) of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall be voting student members; makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The Southern Illinois University Management Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 4, and 5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 652)

Sec. 2. The Board shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his chief assistant for liaison with higher education when designated to serve in his place, ex-officio, and 2 one voting student members, one member designated by the Governor from each one campus of the University and one nonvoting student member from the campus of the University not represented by the voting student member. The Governor shall designate one of the student members serving on the Board to serve as the voting student member. Each student member shall be chosen by the respective campuses of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Edwardsville. The method of choosing these student members shall be by campus-wide student election, and any student designated by the Governor to be a voting student member shall be one of the students chosen by this method. The student members shall serve terms of one year beginning on July 1 of

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each year, except that the student members initially selected shall serve a term beginning on the date of such selection and expiring on the next succeeding June 30. To be eligible for selection as a student member and to be eliqible to remain as a voting or nonvoting student member of the Board, a 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 full time 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 voting or nonvoting 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. No more than 4 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, their respective successors shall be appointed for terms of 6 years from the third Monday

- in January of each odd-numbered year and until their respective
- 2 successors are appointed for like terms. If the Senate is not
- 3 in session appointments shall be made as in the case of
- 4 vacancies.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 91-778, eff. 1-1-01; 91-798, eff. 7-9-00; 92-16,
- 6 eff. 6-28-01.)
- 7 (110 ILCS 520/4) (from Ch. 144, par. 654)
- 8 Sec. 4. Members of the Board shall serve without
- 9 compensation but shall be entitled to reasonable amounts for
- 10 expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their
- 11 duties. Such expenses incurred by any non-voting student member
- 12 may, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board, bo
- 13 provided for by advance payment to such member, who shall
- 14 account therefor to the Board immediately after each meeting.
- No member of the Board shall hold or be employed in or
- appointed to any office or place under the authority of the
- 17 Board, nor shall any member of the Board be directly or
- 18 indirectly interested in any contract made by the Board, nor
- shall he be an employee of the State Government. This section
- 20 does not prohibit the student members of the Board from
- 21 maintaining normal and official status as enrolled students or
- 22 normal student employment at Southern Illinois University.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 93-1096, eff. 1-1-06.)
- 24 (110 ILCS 520/5) (from Ch. 144, par. 655)

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Sec. 5. Members of the Board shall elect annually by secret ballot from their own number a chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Board and a secretary.

Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once each quarter on a campus of Southern Illinois University. At all regular meetings of the Board, a majority of its voting members shall constitute a quorum. Each The student member members shall have all of the privileges of membership, including the right to make and second motions and to attend executive sessions and , other than the right to vote, except that the student member designated by the Governor as the voting student member shall have the right to vote on all Board matters except those involving faculty tenure, faculty promotion, or any issue on which the student member has a direct conflict of interest. For the purposes of this Section, a student member shall not be deemed to have a direct conflict of interest in and may vote on any item involving the employment or compensation of the Chancellor at any campus or the President of the University or the election of officers. A student member who is not entitled to vote on a measure at a meeting of the Board or any of its committees shall not be considered a member for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present at the time that measure is voted upon. No action of the Board shall be invalidated by reason of any vacancies on the Board, or by reason of any failure to select a student member.

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the chairman

- of the Board or by any 3 members of the Board.
- 2 At each regular and special meeting that is open to the
- 3 public, members of the public and employees of the University
- 4 shall be afforded time, subject to reasonable constraints, to
- 5 make comments to or ask questions of the Board.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 99-734, eff. 8-5-16.)