

# SB1378



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1378

Introduced 1/29/2025, by Sen. Chapin Rose

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 1010/3

from Ch. 144, par. 233

Amends the Academic Degree Act. With respect to a public university, provides that only the board of trustees of the university may award an honorary degree, and the university's faculty shall have no role in the award of the honorary degree.

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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 Academic Degree Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 3 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 1010/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 233)

7 Sec. 3. Award of degrees.† A degree or any object in  
8 evidence thereof may be awarded only by a degree granting  
9 institution. Anything in this Act to the contrary  
10 notwithstanding, a degree granting institution may award  
11 honorary degrees; provided that any such degree be clearly  
12 represented to be honorary and that any other tangible object  
13 issued or purporting to be in evidence thereof shall state on  
14 its face expressly, clearly and conspicuously that the degree  
15 is honorary. With respect to a public university, only the  
16 board of trustees of the university may award an honorary  
17 degree, and the university's faculty shall have no role in the  
18 award of the honorary degree.

19 (Source: P.A. 79-803.)