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2 Introduced by Senators Campbell and Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; Vermont state colleges; University of Vermont; boards of
6 trustees; membership; legislators

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to eliminate legislators as members
8 of the boards of trustees of the Vermont state colleges and the University of
9 Vermont.

10 An act relating to the elimination of legislators as members of the boards of
11 trustees of the Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2172 is amended to read:

14 § 2172. TRUSTEES; APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES

15 (a) The corporation shall be governed by a board of ~~15~~ 11 trustees who
16 shall be appointed as follows:

17 (1) Biennially, the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate,
18 shall appoint trustees to serve for six-year terms expiring March 1 of the year
19 of the biennial session. Nine trustees may be in office at one time under this
20 subdivision. In the event of any vacancy occurring between biennial sessions

1 in an office under this subdivision, the governor pursuant to Title 3, § 257,
2 shall fill the same, which appointment shall terminate March 1 in the year of
3 the next following biennial session.

4 (2)(A) One trustee shall be a student trustee:

5 (A)(i) who shall be a matriculated student at an educational
6 institution operated by the Vermont state colleges corporation;

7 (B)(ii) who shall be pursuing a degree program; and

8 (C)(iii) who shall have reached the age of majority.

9 (B) The student trustee shall serve a one-year term expiring on June

10 1. The student trustee shall be appointed, and a vacancy may be filled, from
11 among those eligible students applying for the position by the decision of those
12 members of the steering committee of the Vermont state colleges student
13 association who have been elected at large to that committee by the students at
14 their respective colleges. No college may be represented by a student trustee
15 for more than two consecutive terms, and no student trustee may serve more
16 than two consecutive terms.

17 ~~(3) Four trustees shall be legislative trustees who are members of the~~
18 ~~general assembly at the time of their election. Legislative trustees shall serve~~
19 ~~four-year terms expiring on March 1 of the second year of the biennial session,~~
20 ~~and they shall be elected by joint assembly of the legislature. Vacancies for~~
21 ~~any cause shall be filled by the general assembly at the next session and the~~

1 ~~term of a person so appointed shall expire on March 1 of the next even~~
2 ~~numbered year.~~

3 (b) Appointments by the governor ~~and elections by the general assembly~~
4 shall be made with consideration of the geographic distribution of members to
5 prevent an unfair focus on any single college.

6 (c) No trustee shall be a member of the board of trustees of the University
7 of Vermont.

8 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 2173 is amended to read:

9 § 2173. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; ORGANIZATION

10 In addition to the ~~fourteen elected and~~ 10 appointed trustees, the board of
11 trustees shall include as a member the governor of the state of Vermont. A
12 majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
13 business. At the first meeting of the board and annually thereafter the board
14 shall elect one of its voting members to serve as ~~chairman~~ chair.

15 Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. App. chapter 1, § 1-2 is amended to read:

16 § 1-2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF SERVICE;

17 PRESIDING CHAIR

18 The board of trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
19 College shall be composed of ~~25~~ 16 members, whose term of office shall be six
20 years, except as to those who are members ex officio and to those who are
21 student members. Three members shall be appointed by the governor with the

1 consent of the senate. During the legislative session of 1955, the governor
2 shall appoint one member for a term of two years, one member for a term of
3 four years, and one member for a term of six years and it shall be the duty of
4 the governor during the session of the legislature prior to expiration of the term
5 of office of any of the members to appoint for the term of six years a successor
6 to the member whose term is expiring. The terms of office of the trustees shall
7 expire on the last day of February in the respective years of expiration, and the
8 terms of office of their successors shall thereafter begin on March 1 and expire
9 on the last day of February.

10 ~~Nine members shall be those who have been heretofore elected by the~~
11 ~~legislature as members of the board of trustees of the University of Vermont~~
12 ~~and State Agricultural College, and whose terms have not expired, and their~~
13 ~~successors, and it shall be the duty of the legislature at its session during which~~
14 ~~the terms of office of any class of the members expire to elect three successor~~
15 ~~members for terms of six years. The terms shall commence on March 1 in the~~
16 ~~year of election. The nine trustees and their successors shall also constitute the~~
17 ~~board of trustees of the Vermont Agricultural College.~~

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