





HB 21: UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FACULTY REGENT

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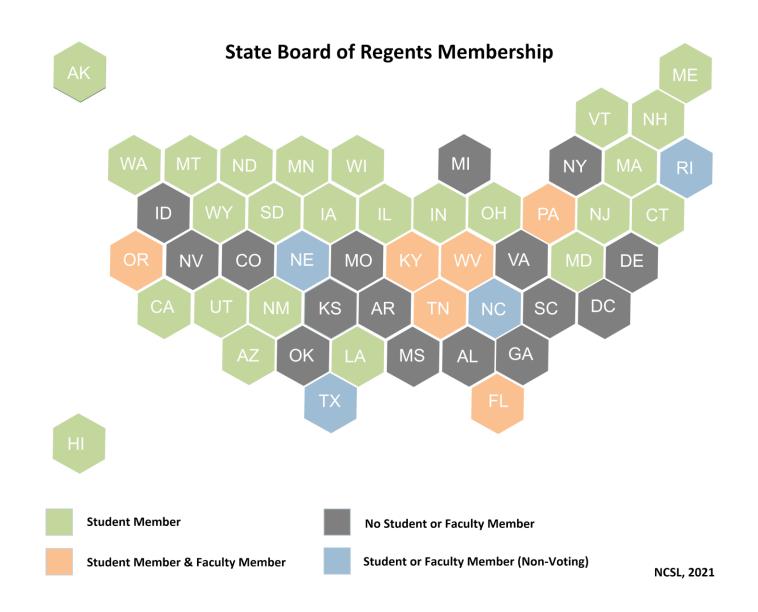
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBERSHIP

- ►10 Regents serve 8-year terms
- ►1 Student regent:
 - Serves a 2-year term
 - Has full board powers
 - Must have 2.5 cumulative GPA
 - 2 students are elected by their campus and then a nominee is selected by the Governor
- Current Role of Faculty with the BOR:
 - Faculty Alliance makes a report at each BOR meeting
 - Able to be called on to answer questions



STATE BY STATE COMPARISON

- >24 state University systems have a student regent
- 6 state University systems have a faculty regent
- Vermont is currently considering similar legislation that would add Faculty and Staff members
- ➤ 15% of private institutions also have a voting faculty regent



EXAMPLES: OREGON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND WEST VIRGINIA

• Oregon State University and University of Oregon:

Trustees Board has 15 members, including 11 at-large members, 1 faculty member, 1 student member, and 1 staff member all appointed by the Governor.



• Pennsylvania State University:

Trustee Board has 38 Members, including 6 at-large members, 9 alumni-elected members, and 6 agriculture members. In addition, the Board elects 6 members- one of which is a faculty member.



• West Virginia University:

Board of Governors has 17 members, with 13 at-large members, 2 faculty members, 1 student member, and 1 staff member.



EXAMPLES: FLORIDA, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

• State University system of Florida:

17 members total including 14 at-large members appointed by the Governor, the Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates, the Commissioner of Education, and the Chair of the Florida Student Association.



• Kentucky State University:

11 voting members, including 8 at-large members, 1 faculty and 1 staff regent elected by their respective governing councils, and 1 student regent.



• Tennessee University System:

18 members total, including 12 at-large members, 1 faculty member, 1 student, and 4 exofficio members.



HB 21: HOW IT WORKS



- Increases the number of Regents from 11 to 12
- 2 nominees from the Faculty Senate of each of the three main campuses are put forward
- Governor selects one appointee, subject to confirmation by the Legislature
- Faculty must be tenured
- Serves a 2-year term
- Has the full powers of a regent for voting, travel, and entering executive session
- Majority vote needed for a motion of the Board to carry

BENEFITS OF A FACULTY REGENT

- More than a "seat at the table"
- Faculty can enter executive session, travel for Board meetings, and can vote
- Improves the ability for faculty to provide stakeholder interest
- Held to a standard of professionalism- they can recuse themselves from a conflicted vote
- Ensures that faculty, like students, are given a voting interest in University affairs





QUESTIONS?

