

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 9(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/23

Referred: Judiciary

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES CARRICK, Armstrong, Mina, McCormick, Groh, Fields, Story, Gray

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.40.120 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.40.120. University governed by Board of Regents.** The University of
5 Alaska shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of 12 [11] regents.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (f) In addition to satisfying the requirements in (a) of this section, at least one
8 of the 12 regents must be a current full-time faculty member who is employed at and
9 has acquired tenure at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska
10 Fairbanks, or the University of Alaska Southeast based on the guidelines of that
11 campus. A person appointed as a regent under this subsection forfeits the office if the
12 person is no longer a full-time, tenured faculty member. The governor shall appoint a
13 successor from the list of interested faculty members submitted under AS 14.40.150(c)
14 within 60 days after a forfeiture or vacancy in the office, subject to confirmation by
15 the legislature under AS 14.40.150(a).

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.140 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 14.40.140. Term of office.** Except for a student regent as specified in
3 AS 14.40.150(b) and a faculty member regent as specified in AS 14.40.150(c), the
4 term of office of a regent is eight years. The term of office begins on the first Monday
5 in February of the year in which the appointment is made. Each regent serves until a
6 successor is appointed and qualifies.

7 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.40.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) At least one member of the Board of Regents must be a faculty member.
9 The faculty member shall be appointed from a list of all interested faculty members
10 compiled by the University of Alaska and submitted to the governor. The governor
11 shall make the appointment from the list within 60 days after the list is submitted. The
12 term of office of a regent appointed from the faculty of the University of Alaska is two
13 years. The term of office begins June 1 of the year in which the appointment is made.
14 An appointment of a successor made under AS 14.40.130(f) shall be for the unexpired
15 term of the original appointee.

16 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.40.200 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 14.40.200. Quorum.** Corporate business may not be transacted at any
18 meeting of the Board of Regents unless at least seven [SIX] regents are present, the
19 majority of the whole board to approve the same.

20 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 TRANSITION: INITIAL APPOINTMENT. The University of Alaska shall submit the
23 list of interested faculty members to the governor as required by AS 14.40.150(c), added by
24 sec. 4 of this Act, on or before February 1, 2024.