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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Himschoot, Co-chair
Education Committee

FROM: Crystalline Jones, Chief Clerk

DATE: January 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Governor's Appointment(s)

The Speaker referred the following Governor's appointment(s) to the Education Committee:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Karen Perdue – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/6/2017

Reappointed: 2/5/2025

Term Expires: 2/5/2025

Term Expires: 2/5/2033

Christine Resler – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/5/2025

Term Expires: 2/5/2033

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Article 2. Board of Regents and President of the University of Alaska.

Sec. 14.40.120. University governed by Board of Regents.

The University of Alaska shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of 11 regents.

Sec. 14.40.130. Qualifications of regents; special provisions relating to student regent.

(a) Each regent shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state.

(b) In addition to satisfying the requirements of (a) of this section, the regent appointed under AS 14.40.150(b) must

(1) be enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Alaska at the time of appointment;

(2) remain a full-time student while serving.

(c) Failure of the regent appointed under AS 14.40.150(b) to remain enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Alaska during the term for which the regent was appointed results in forfeiture of that office.

(d) The governor shall appoint a successor from those students appearing upon the list of nominees submitted under AS 14.40.150(b) within 60 days of a forfeiture or vacancy in the office.

(e) For purposes of this section, the term “full-time student” is defined as provided in the University of Alaska Academic Regulations.

Sec. 14.40.140. Term of office.

Except for a student regent as specified in AS 14.40.150(b), the term of office of a regent is eight years. The term of office begins on the first Monday in February of the year in which the appointment is made. Each regent serves until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

Sec. 14.40.150. Appointment of regents.

(a) The governor shall appoint the regents subject to confirmation by a majority of all the members of the legislature in joint session. The names of those appointed shall be sent to the legislature within five days after the opening of the session, for confirmation or rejection. If a person appointed is not confirmed by a majority vote of all the members of

the legislature, the appointment ceases and the name of another person shall be submitted within three days after the rejection. If the legislature adjourns without confirming the nominee, or if an interim vacancy occurs, the governor may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. However, the person who has failed to be confirmed may not be appointed. The term of office of the appointee expires on the fifth day of the session of the legislature following the appointment.

(b) At least one member of the Board of Regents must be a student. The student shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted to the governor. The governor shall make the appointment from the list within 60 days after it is submitted. The list shall consist of the names of two students from each campus of the University of Alaska after an election is held at each campus. Elections shall be conducted under rules established by the Office of the Governor. The term of office of the regent appointed from the general student body, University of Alaska, is for two years. The term of office begins June 1 of the year in which the appointment is made. An appointment made under AS 14.40.130(d) shall be for the unexpired term of the original appointee. The term “campus” used in this subsection means a portion of the University of Alaska designated as a “campus” by the Board of Regents.

(1) a violation of AS 39.52 (Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act) that results in a recommendation of removal under AS 39.52.410(b)(3);

(2) a conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction;

(3) a conviction of a misdemeanor in any jurisdiction if the misdemeanor involves

(A) dishonesty;

(B) breach of trust; or

(C) the University of Alaska;

(4) substantial and material malfeasance or nonfeasance in office that is not based on political differences or the discretionary performance of a lawful act or prescribed duty; in this paragraph “malfeasance or nonfeasance in office” includes

(A) misconduct in office;

(B) an inability to serve for an extended period of time;

(C) neglect of duty;

(D) incompetence;

(E) unjustified failure to perform the duties of the Board of Regents;

(5) a violation of a professional or occupational licensing statute or regulation that is related to the regent's fitness to serve as a regent, resulting in the revocation or suspension of a professional or occupational license issued under state law; or

(6) a failure to possess the qualifications of a regent under AS 14.40.130.