

**SENATE BILL NO. 118**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/5/25

Referred: Education, Finance

**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.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the University of Alaska Faculty  
6 Representation Act.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.120 is amended to read:

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

10 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (f) In addition to satisfying the requirements in (a) of this section, at least one  
12 of the 12 regents must be a current full-time faculty member who is employed at and  
13 has acquired tenure at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska  
14 Fairbanks, or the University of Alaska Southeast based on the guidelines of that  
15 campus. A person appointed as a regent under this subsection forfeits the office if the

1 person is no longer a full-time, tenured faculty member. The governor shall appoint a  
 2 successor from the list of faculty member nominees submitted under AS 14.40.150(c)  
 3 within 60 days after a forfeiture or vacancy in the office, subject to confirmation by  
 4 the legislature under AS 14.40.150(a).

5 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.40.140 is amended to read:

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

11 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.40.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (c) At least one member of the Board of Regents must be a faculty member.  
 13 The faculty member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted to the  
 14 governor. The governor shall make the appointment from the list within 60 days after  
 15 the list is submitted. The list must consist of the names of two faculty members  
 16 selected by each of the three faculty senates of the University of Alaska, for a total of  
 17 six nominees, after an election is held by each faculty senate. Elections shall be  
 18 conducted under rules established by the Office of the Governor. The term of office of  
 19 a regent appointed under this subsection is two years. The term of office begins June 1  
 20 of the year in which the appointment is made. An appointment of a successor made  
 21 under AS 14.40.130(f) shall be for the unexpired term of the original appointee.

22 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.40.200 is amended to read:

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

26 \* **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 27 read:

28 TRANSITION: INITIAL APPOINTMENT. The University of Alaska shall hold  
 29 elections for nominees and submit the list of nominees to the governor as required by  
 30 AS 14.40.150(c), added by sec. 4 of this Act, on or before February 1, 2026.