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Sectional Analysis

University of Alaska Faculty Representation Act

Section 1. Short title: "The University of Alaska Faculty Representation Act."

Section 2. Amends AS 14.40.120 to increase the size of the UA Board of Regents from 11 members to 12 members.

Section 3. Adds subsection (f) to AS 14.40.130 establishing the requirements for the faculty regent.

- One of the 12 regents must be a current, full-time, tenured faculty member within the University of Alaska system.
- If the faculty regent is no longer tenured, no longer employed full-time, or no longer employed in the UA system during their term they shall forfeit the position.
- The Governor is required to appoint a faculty regent from a list of nominees within 60 days of the forfeiture or vacancy of the seat.

Section 4. Amends AS 14.40.140 to establish the term length of a faculty regent as two-years.

Section 5. Adds subsection (c) to AS 14.40.150 establishing the appointment process for the faculty regent.

- Requires at least one member of the Board of Regents to be a faculty member.
- The faculty regent will be appointed by the Governor from a list of six nominees within 60 days after the list is submitted to the Governor.
- The list of nominees consists of names of two faculty members selected by each of the three faculty senates of the UA system after an election is held by each faculty senate.
- The elections process for faculty regent elections conducted by the faculty senates shall be conducted under rules established by the Governor's office.
- The term length of a faculty regent is two years and begins on June 1 of the year in which appointment is made.

Section 6. Changes the quorum requirements for Board of Regents Meetings from six to seven members present.

Section 7. Requires the University of Alaska to hold elections for faculty regent nominees on or before Feb 1, 2026.