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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 107()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GATTIS, Colver, Kito, Keller, Hughes, Muñoz

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**"An Act relating to the composition of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska;
and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

Sec. 14.40.120. University governed by Board of Regents. The University of
Alaska shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of nine [11] regents.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.130(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(a) The Board of Regents consists of the following members:

- (1) one resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough;
- (2) one resident of the Municipality of Anchorage;
- (3) one resident of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- (4) one resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough;
- (5) one resident of the City and Borough of Juneau;
- (6) one resident of a community that is not described in (1) - (5) of this

subsection and is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks;

(7) one student who satisfies the requirements under (b) of this section;

and

(8) two members at large who are residents of the state.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(f) Each member must be a citizen of the United States.

(g) The governor may not appoint a person to fill a position under (a)(1) - (6) of this section unless the person meets the residency requirement for the position for at least two years before the date of appointment. A regent appointed to fill a position under (a)(1) - (6) of this section who ceases to meet the residency requirement for the position may complete the regent's term of office.

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

TRANSITION. (a) Notwithstanding AS 14.40.140, the terms of office of the regents serving on the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska on the effective date of this Act, except for the student regent appointed under AS 14.40.150(b), shall expire on February 2, 2016. The governor shall appoint regents who meet the requirements of AS 14.40.130(a), as repealed and reenacted by sec. 2 of this Act, to fill the vacancies and shall send the names of the regents to the legislature for confirmation or rejection by the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature under AS 14.40.150. In appointing regents under this section, the governor may give preference to regents who are serving on the effective date of secs. 1 - 3 of this Act.

(b) The terms of office for the regents appointed under this section shall be staggered under AS 39.05.055.

* **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 - 3 of this Act take effect February 2, 2016.