

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTTENBERG

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Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the qualifications and appointment of members of the Board of**
2 **Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 **INTENT.** It is the intent of this Act

7 (1) to add one nonvoting student advisory member to the existing Board of
8 Regents of the University of Alaska; and

9 (2) that, by creating a cycle of the new member's first acting for one year as a
10 nonvoting student member of the board and then acting as a voting member, the student body
11 and the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska will obtain better qualified student
12 regents and avoid vacancies in the student membership on the board.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.120 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 14.40.120. University governed by Board of Regents.** The University

1 of Alaska shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of 11 **voting** regents
2 **and one nonvoting advisory student regent.**

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.130(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Each regent shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
5 state. **At least one regent shall have received an undergraduate or graduate**
6 **degree from the University of Alaska.**

7 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.40.130(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) In addition to satisfying the requirements of (a) of this section, **a** [THE]
9 regent appointed under AS 14.40.150(b) must

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

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

13 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.40.130(c) is amended to read:

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

17 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.40.150(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) **The governor shall appoint two students as members of the Board of**
19 **Regents. The student who has the longer service as a student regent shall be a**
20 **voting member of the board and the second student regent shall be a nonvoting**
21 **student member. A student serving as a nonvoting student regent may vote in**
22 **subcommittees of the Board of Regents** [AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE
23 BOARD OF REGENTS MUST BE A STUDENT]. **Each** [THE] student shall be
24 appointed from a list of nominees submitted to the governor. The governor shall make
25 the appointment from the list within 60 days after it is submitted. The list **must**
26 [SHALL] consist of the names of two students from each campus of the University of
27 Alaska after an election is held at each campus. Elections shall be conducted under
28 rules established by the Office of the Governor. The term of office of **a** [THE] regent
29 appointed from the general student body, University of Alaska, is for two years. **Each**
30 [THE] term of office begins June 1 of the year in which the appointment is made. An
31 appointment made under AS 14.40.130(d) shall be for the unexpired term of the

1 original appointee. **The voting or nonvoting status of a person appointed under**
2 **AS 14.40.130(d) is determined by the relative periods of service of the two student**
3 **regents, not by the status of the original appointee.** The term "campus" used in this
4 subsection means a portion of the University of Alaska designated as a "campus" by
5 the Board of Regents.

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

8 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 14.40.130(a) and 14.40.150(b), as amended by
9 this Act, persons holding positions on the Board of Regents on the effective date of this Act
10 may serve the remainder of their terms; except for an appointment of the second student
11 regent as required by AS 14.40.150(b), as amended in sec. 6 of this Act, a person who meets
12 the qualifications of AS 14.40.130(a) or 14.40.150(b), as amended by this Act, shall be
13 appointed when a vacancy occurs on the Board of Regents.

14 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect June 1, 2004.