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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to terms of office for members of the Board of Regents; amending s. 240.207, F.S.; revising the terms of office of members of the Board of Regents; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 240.207, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

240.207 Board of Regents; appointment of members; qualifications and terms of office.--

(1) The Board of Regents shall consist of the Commissioner of Education and 13 citizens of this state who shall be selected from the state at large, representative of the geographical areas of the state; who shall have been residents and citizens thereof for a period of at least 10 years prior to their appointment (one of whom shall be a member registered as a full-time student in the State University System and who shall have been a resident of this state for at least 5 years prior to appointment in lieu of the 10 years required of other members); and who shall be appointed by the Governor, approved by three members of the Cabinet, and confirmed by the Senate. However, no appointee shall take office until after his or her appointment has been approved by three members of the Cabinet. The State Board of Education shall develop rules and procedures for review and approval of the appointees. Except for the Commissioner of Education and except for the full-time student member, who shall serve for 1 year, the terms of office for the members of

**CODING:**Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 the Board of Regents ~~appointed after the effective date of~~  
2 ~~this act~~ shall be 6 ~~4~~ years and until their successors are  
3 appointed and qualified, except in case of an appointment to  
4 fill a vacancy, in which case the appointment shall be for the  
5 unexpired term, and except as in this section otherwise  
6 provided. No member shall be selected from any county to  
7 serve with any other member from the same county, except that  
8 not more than two members may be selected from a county which  
9 has a population in excess of 900,000, and with the exceptions  
10 of the student member, who shall be selected at large, and the  
11 Commissioner of Education. The Governor shall fill all  
12 vacancies, subject to the above approval and confirmation,  
13 that may at any time occur on the board.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
15 law.

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17 HOUSE SUMMARY

18 Changes the terms of office of members of the Board of  
19 Regents from 4 years to 6 years.  
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