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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to governance of state universities;
 creating s. 1001.70, F.S.; establishing the Board of
 Governors; providing membership and terms of office;
 amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; revising membership of
 university boards of trustees and terms of office;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1001.70, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:

1001.70 Board of Governors.--Pursuant to s. 7(d), Art. IX
 of the State Constitution, the Board of Governors is established
 as a body corporate comprised of 17 members as follows: 14
 citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to
 confirmation by the Senate; the Commissioner of Education; the
 chair of the advisory council of faculty senates or the
 equivalent; and the president of the Florida student association
 or the equivalent. The appointed members shall serve staggered
 7-year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning
 July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments, 4 members shall serve
 2-year terms, 5 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 5 members
 shall serve 7-year terms.

Section 2. Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes, is amended
 to read:

1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.--
 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(c), Art. IX of the State
 Constitution, each local constituent university shall be
 administered by a university board of trustees comprised of 13



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31 members as follows: 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor
32 subject to confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members
33 appointed by the Board of Governors subject to confirmation by
34 the Senate; the chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent;
35 and the president of the student body of the university. The
36 appointed members shall serve staggered 5-year terms. In order
37 to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the
38 initial appointments by the Governor, 2 members shall serve 2-
39 year terms, 3 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member
40 shall serve a 5-year term and of the initial appointments by the
41 Board of Governors, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 2
42 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-
43 year term. University boards of trustees shall be comprised of
44 12 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate
45 in the regular legislative session immediately following his or
46 her appointment. In addition, the student body president elected
47 on the main campus of the university pursuant to s. 1004.26
48 shall serve ex officio as a voting member of his or her
49 university board of trustees. There shall be no state residency
50 requirement for university board members, but the Governor and
51 the Board of Governors shall consider diversity and regional
52 representation.

53 (2) Members of the boards of trustees shall receive no
54 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem
55 expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

56 ~~(3) The Governor may remove a trustee upon the~~
57 ~~recommendation of the State Board of Education, or for cause.~~

58 ~~(4) Boards of trustees' members shall be appointed for~~
59 ~~staggered 4-year terms, and may be reappointed for additional~~
60 ~~terms not to exceed 8 years of service.~~



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61 (3)~~(5)~~ Each board of trustees shall select its chair and
62 vice chair from the appointed members at its first regular
63 meeting after July 1. The chair shall serve for 2 years and may
64 be reselected for one additional consecutive term. The duties of
65 the chair shall include presiding at all meetings of the board
66 of trustees, calling special meetings of the board of trustees,
67 and attesting to actions of the board of trustees,~~and notifying~~
68 ~~the Governor in writing whenever a board member fails to attend~~
69 ~~three consecutive regular board meetings in any fiscal year,~~
70 ~~which failure may be grounds for removal.~~ The duty of the vice
71 chair is to act as chair during the absence or disability of the
72 chair.

73 (4)~~(6)~~ The university president shall serve as executive
74 officer and corporate secretary of the board of trustees and
75 shall be responsible to the board of trustees for all operations
76 of the university and for setting the agenda for meetings of the
77 board of trustees in consultation with the chair.

78 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.