

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 107(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/30/15

Referred: Rules

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.40.130(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

6 (1) one resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough;

7 (2) one resident of the Municipality of Anchorage;

8 (3) one resident of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;

9 (4) one resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough;

10 (5) one resident of the City and Borough of Juneau;

11 (6) one resident of a community that is not described in (1) - (5) of this
12 subsection and is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks;

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

14 and

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

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

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

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

9 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 **TRANSITION.** (a) Notwithstanding AS 14.40.140, the terms of office of the regents
12 serving on the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska on the effective date of this Act,
13 except for the student regent appointed under AS 14.40.150(b), shall expire on February 2,
14 2016. The governor shall appoint regents who meet the requirements of AS 14.40.130(a), as
15 repealed and reenacted by sec. 1 of this Act, to fill the vacancies and shall send the names of
16 the regents to the legislature for confirmation or rejection by the Second Regular Session of
17 the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature under AS 14.40.150. In appointing regents under
18 this section, the governor may give preference to regents who are serving on the effective date
19 of secs. 1 and 2 of this Act.

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

22 * **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect February 2, 2016.