

S.F. No. 1709 – Board of Regents and Regent Candidate Advisory Council modification

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SF 1709 modifies the composition of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, the Regent Candidate Advisory Council, and amends procedures at the legislative joint convention related to electing regents.

Section 1 (137.023) requires that one member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents be a person who at the time of election is a tenured faculty member of the university, and one member must represent a university employee organization. These seats shall represent the state at large. Further, at least one member of the board shall be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 2 (137.024) amends the law related to congressional districts in the event the boundaries of the congressional districts are changed. Addresses how redistricting and reappointment will affect regent elections.

Section 3 (137.0242) provides that the legislature shall not elect a board member more than twice.

Section 4 (137.0245, subd 2) modifies the membership of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC). The membership is increased from 24 to 25. Current law requires that the house of representatives and the senate each appoint 12 members. The bill reduces that number to 5 per chamber. Additional members include one current faculty member from each of the five university campuses appointed by the campus faculty senate, the student body president of each of the five University of Minnesota campuses, and one designee from the 5 councils listed in the bill.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 5 (137.0245, subd 3) is a conforming change.

Section 6 (127.0246) requires the joint legislative committee to appoint two candidates for each vacancy on the Board of Regents. This bill also modifies the joint legislative convention by

prohibiting additional nominations at the joint convention and requiring the house of representatives and the senate to amend rules accordingly.