

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 3, and 4 as follows:

(110 ILCS 205/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 182)

Sec. 2. There is created a Board of Higher Education to consist of 16 ~~15~~ members as follows: 10 members appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; one member of a public university governing board, appointed by the Governor without the advice and consent of the Senate; one member of a private college or university board of trustees, appointed by the Governor without the advice and consent of the Senate; the chairman of the Illinois Community College Board; the chairman of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission; and 2 student members ~~a student member~~ selected by the recognized advisory committee of students of the Board of Higher Education, one of whom must be a non-traditional undergraduate student who is at least 24 years old and represents the views of non-traditional students, such as a person who is employed or is a parent. Beginning on July 1, 2005, one of the 10 members appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, must be a faculty member at an Illinois public university. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Board to serve until a successor is designated. The chairmen of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Regents of Regency Universities shall cease to be members of the Board of Higher Education on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995. No more than 7 of the members appointed by the Governor, excluding the

Chairman, shall be affiliated with the same political party. The 10 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate shall be citizens of the State and shall be selected, as far as may be practicable, on the basis of their knowledge of, or interest or experience in, problems of higher education. If the Senate is not in session or is in recess, when appointments subject to its confirmation are made, the Governor shall make temporary appointments which shall be subject to subsequent Senate approval.

(Source: P.A. 93-429, eff. 1-1-04.)

(110 ILCS 205/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 183)

Sec. 3. Terms; vacancies.

(a) The members of the Board whose appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate shall be selected for 6-year terms expiring on January 31 of odd numbered years. Of the initial appointees, however, 2 shall be designated by the Governor to serve until January 31, 1963, 3 until January 31, 1965, and 3 until January 31, 1967.

Of the 2 appointees to be made by the Governor pursuant to this Act as amended by the 75th General Assembly, one shall be designated to serve until January 31, 1971 and one until January 31, 1973.

(b) The members of the Board shall continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have been appointed.

(c) Vacancies on the Board in offices appointed by the Governor shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. If the appointment is subject to Senate confirmation and the Senate is not in session or is in recess when the appointment is made, the appointee shall serve subject to subsequent Senate approval of the appointment.

(d) Each ~~The~~ student member shall serve a term of one year beginning on July 1 of each year, except that the student member initially selected under this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly shall serve a term beginning on the date of

such selection and expiring on the next succeeding June 30.

(e) The member of the Board representing public university governing boards and the member of the Board representing private college and university boards of trustees, who are appointed by the Governor but not subject to confirmation by the Senate, shall serve terms of one year beginning on July 1.

(Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96.)

(110 ILCS 205/4) (from Ch. 144, par. 184)

Sec. 4. The Board shall hold regular meetings at times specified in its rules. Special or additional meetings may be held on call of the Chairman, or upon a call signed by at least 6 members, or upon call of the Governor. Eight ~~A majority of~~ ~~the~~ members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all its meetings, but the approval of a new unit of instruction, research, or public service for a public institution of higher education, as provided in Section 7 shall require the concurrence of a majority of all the members of the Board.

The Chairmen of the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission holding membership on the Board each may designate an alternate to attend any meeting of the Board, and an alternate so designated shall have all rights and privileges of regular membership while acting for the Chairman who has so designated him or her.

The Board may employ and fix the compensation of professional and clerical staff and other assistants, including specialists and consultants, as it may deem necessary, on a full or part time basis.

(Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-278, eff. 7-31-97.)