

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 133**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to California State University.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 164, Pan. California State University: chancellor selection process.

This measure would encourage the recruitment and selection process for the next Chancellor of the California State University to be done in a publicly inclusive manner.

WHEREAS, The search for the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) is the recruitment and hiring process for one of the most important public jobs in California; and

WHEREAS, The chancellor is tasked with the responsibility of leading one of the three segments, which also include the University of California and the California Community Colleges, that comprise the greatest public postsecondary education system in the world; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the search for the chancellor be an inclusive process that is conducted with the utmost transparency and openness and involves the stakeholders that make the CSU great. The search should involve the CSU community, which includes students, parents, faculty, and staff, who should all be given a chance to participate and provide their needed and valuable input; and

WHEREAS, The search for a chancellor, who shall be the leader of 23 campuses, 40,000 faculty and staff, and over 420,000 students, should not be conducted by members of the CSU Board of Trustees alone, outside of public view. Instead, the selection of the head of the "People's University" should be conducted before the people, at campus-based forums, in a public setting, and with access and outreach to as wide an array of people as possible, and finalists should be willing to participate in this open process; and

WHEREAS, The CSU is at a critical juncture and is in the midst of economic pressures due to decreased funding, a growing student population, and an unprecedented era of awareness and public interest in the administration of the CSU; and

WHEREAS, An open selection process will provide the new chancellor with the support and confidence of the students, the faculty and staff, and the public, which are needed to meet the challenges of leading the CSU through this critical juncture; and

WHEREAS, The next chancellor will work with the Legislature, stakeholders, and the public to restore the light that shines from the CSU; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature encourages the recruitment and selection process for the next Chancellor of the California State University to be done in a publicly inclusive manner; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.