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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2721

Introduced by Assembly Member Pan
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Patterson)

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 66602 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2721, as amended, Pan. Trustees of the California State University: nonfaculty employees.

Existing law establishes the various campuses of the California State University under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University. Existing law provides for the membership of the Trustees of the California State University to include 5 specified ex officio members, 16 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, one representative of the alumni associations, 2 student members appointed by the Governor, and a faculty member appointed by the Governor.

This bill would revise the membership of the trustees by requiring the Governor also to appoint a nonfaculty employee of the university for a 2-year term, as specified. The bill would require a nonfaculty committee, as specified, to provide to the Governor a list of nominees for the appointment.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 66602 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66602. (a) The board shall be composed of the following five ex officio members: the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the person named by the trustees to serve as the Chancellor of the California State University; a representative of the alumni associations of the state university, selected for a two-year term by the alumni council, California State University, which representative shall not be an employee of the California State University during the two-year term; and 16 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the membership of the Senate.

(b) (1) Two students from the California State University, who shall have at least sophomore year standing at the institutions they attend, and who remain in good standing as students during their respective terms, shall also be appointed by the Governor to serve on the board for two-year terms.

(2) In the selection of students as members of the board, the Governor shall appoint the students from lists of names of at least two, but not more than five, persons furnished by the governing board of any statewide student organization that represents the students of the California State University and the student body organizations of the campuses of the California State University. Any appointment to fill a vacancy of a student member shall be effective only for the remainder of the term of the student member's office that became vacated.

(3) The term of office of one student member of the board shall commence on July 1 of an even-numbered year and expire on June 30 two years thereafter. The term of office of the other student member of the board shall commence on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and expire on June 30 two years thereafter. Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a student member who graduates from his or her college or university on or after January 1 of the second year of his or her term of office may serve the remainder of the term.

(4) (A) During the first year of a student member's term, a student member shall be a member of the board and may attend

1 all meetings of the board and its committees. At these meetings,
2 a student member may fully participate in discussion and debate,
3 but may not vote. During the second year of a student member's
4 term, a student member may exercise the same right to attend
5 meetings of the board, and its committees, and shall have the same
6 right to vote as the members appointed pursuant to subdivision
7 (a).

8 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), during the first year of
9 a student member's term, the student member may vote at a board
10 meeting if the other student member is absent from that meeting
11 due to illness, a family emergency, or a medical emergency.

12 (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), if a student member resigns
13 from office or a vacancy is otherwise created in that office during
14 the second year of a student member's term, the remaining student
15 member shall immediately assume the office created by the vacancy
16 and all of the participation privileges of the second-year student
17 member, including the right to vote, for the remainder of that term
18 of office.

19 (6) A student member shall have his or her tuition fee waived
20 for the duration of his or her term of office.

21 (c) (1) A faculty member from the California State University,
22 who shall be tenured at the California State University campus at
23 which he or she teaches, shall also be appointed by the Governor
24 to serve on the board for a two-year term. In the selection of a
25 faculty member as a member of the board, the Governor shall
26 appoint the faculty member from a list of names of at least two
27 persons furnished by the Academic Senate of the California State
28 University.

29 (2) The faculty member of the board appointed by the Governor
30 pursuant to this subdivision shall not participate on any
31 subcommittee of the board responsible for collective bargaining
32 negotiations.

33 (3) The term of office of the faculty member of the board shall
34 commence on July 1, and shall expire on June 30 two years
35 thereafter.

36 (d) (1) (A) A nonfaculty employee of the California State
37 University covered by the Higher Education Employer-Employee
38 Relations Act (Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of
39 Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code) also shall be
40 appointed by the Governor to serve on the board for a two-year

1 term. A nonfaculty employee committee consisting of, but not
2 limited to, of one representative from each of the employee
3 organizations of nonfaculty employees of the California State
4 University shall provide to the Governor a list of at least two
5 nominees for the appointment, with all nominees having received
6 a majority vote of the representatives of the employee organizations
7 of nonfaculty employees of the California State University
8 represented on the committee.

9 (B) The employee organizations of nonfaculty employees of
10 the California State University shall fund the committee to be
11 established pursuant to this paragraph.

12 (2) The nonfaculty employee member of the board appointed
13 pursuant to this subdivision shall not participate on any
14 subcommittee of the board responsible for collective bargaining
15 negotiations.

16 (3) The term of office of the nonfaculty employee member of
17 the board appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall commence
18 on July 1 and shall expire on June 30 two years thereafter.