
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 118—ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS

PREFILED FEBRUARY 3, 2023

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR DONATE

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-127)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to higher education; revising the term length and membership of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; revising the length of terms for members of the Board of Regents; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The Nevada Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for: (1) the
2 establishment of a State University controlled by a Board of Regents; and (2) the
3 election of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada. (Nev. Const. Art. 11,
4 §§ 4, 7) Existing law establishes the number of members of the Board of Regents
5 and the process by which such members are elected. (NRS 396.040) **Section 1** of
6 this bill reduces the number of members of the Board of Regents from 13 to 9.
7 Additionally, **section 1** reduces the length of terms of members from 6 years to 4
8 years, beginning with the 2028 election cycle. **Section 2** of this bill staggers the
9 initial terms of members of the Board of Regents following the reduction in
10 membership and revises the length of terms of members elected at the general
11 elections held in 2024 and 2026.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 396.040 1. The Board of Regents consists of ~~{13}~~ 9 members
3 elected by the registered voters within the districts described in the
4 shapefile adopted by NRS 396.047.

5 2. The members of the Board of Regents must be elected as
6 follows:

7 (a) At the general election in ~~{2002,}~~ 2028, and every ~~{6}~~ 4 years
8 thereafter, one member of the Board of Regents must be elected
9 from districts ~~{2, 3, 5,}~~ 1, 4, 6, 7 and ~~{10,}~~ 9.

10 (b) At the general election in ~~{2004,}~~ 2030, and every ~~{6}~~ 4 years
11 thereafter, one member of the Board of Regents must be elected
12 from districts ~~{6, 7, 8, 11}~~ 2, 3, 5 and ~~{13}~~:

13 ~~—(c) At the general election in 2006, and every 6 years thereafter,
14 one member of the Board of Regents must be elected from districts
15 1, 4, 9 and 12.} 8.~~

16 3. Each member of the Board of Regents must be a resident of
17 the district from which the member is elected.

18 **Sec. 2.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 396.040,
19 the terms of the members of the Board of Regents of the University
20 of Nevada who are incumbent on January 2, 2029, expire on that
21 date.

22 2. Four members of the Board of Regents from districts 1, 4, 9
23 and 12 must be selected at the general election held on November 5,
24 2024, and take office on January 7, 2025. The terms of the members
25 elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 2, 2029.

26 3. Four members of the Board of Regents from districts 2, 3, 5
27 and 10 must be selected at the general election held on November 3,
28 2026, and take office on January 5, 2027. The terms of the members
29 elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 2, 2029.

30 4. Four members of the Board of Regents from districts 2, 3, 5
31 and 8 must be selected at the general election held on November 7,
32 2028, and take office on January 2, 2029. The terms of the members
33 elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 7, 2031.

34 5. Five members of the Board of Regents from districts 1, 4, 6,
35 7 and 9 must be selected at the general election held on
36 November 7, 2028, and take office on January 2, 2029. The terms of
37 the members elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 4,
38 2033.

39 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become
40 effective upon passage and approval.

41 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2028,
42 for the purpose of filing for office and for nominating and electing



1 members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, and
2 on January 2, 2029, for all other purposes.

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