ORIGINAL SENATE FILE NO. 0038

ENROLLED ACT NO. 14, SENATE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the membership of the University of Wyoming board of trustees; providing qualifications; making the act contingent upon passage of a constitutional amendment as specified; specifying legislative findings; specifying implementation; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 21-17-201 is amended to read:

21-17-201. Composition; appointment and qualifications of members generally; members ex officio; quorum.

The government of the university is vested in a board of twelve (12) thirteen (13) trustees appointed by the governor, no two (2) of whom may be residents of the same county of the state. No more than two (2) appointed trustees shall be residents of a state other than Wyoming. Any person appointed as trustee who is not a resident of Wyoming shall possess verifiable and demonstrable interest in and past interactions with the university which are reflective of commitment to the educational mission of the university. At least one (1) trustee shall be appointed from each appointment district pursuant to W.S. 9-1-218. Not more than seven (7) members of the board shall be registered in the same political party. The governor, the president of the university, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the president of the associated students of the university are members ex officio, having the right to speak, but not to vote. A majority of the board is a quorum.

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- Section 2. This act is effective only if the electors adopt a constitutional amendment at the 2014 general election removing the requirement that all trustees of the University of Wyoming must be a resident of the state of Wyoming, as provided in 2013 Senate Joint Resolution 1.
- **Section 3.** Notwithstanding W.S. 21-17-202, the initial term of the board of trustee member appointed pursuant to this act shall expire on March 1, 2021. The governor shall nominate, and the additional board member shall be confirmed, in accordance with W.S. 21-17-202
- Section 4. The legislature finds that the University of Wyoming prepares students for life in a global economy and that the university is integrally involved in a world extending well beyond the borders of Wyoming. Removing restrictions on qualifications for potential board of trustee members as provided in this act reflects those realities while at the same time ensuring that all or nearly all trustees will be Wyoming residents.

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Section 5. Subject to section 2 of this act, this act is effective upon certification of the election results of the 2014 general election.

(END)

Speaker of the House President of the Senate
Governor
TIME APPROVED:
DATE APPROVED:
I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.
Chief Clerk