

CHAPTER 147

AN ACT concerning county colleges and amending N.J.S.18A:64A-8 and P.L.1982, c.42.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. N.J.S.18A:64A-8 is amended to read as follows:

Boards of trustees; apportionment of membership where established in more than one county.

18A:64A-8. For each county college there shall be a board of trustees, consisting of the county superintendent of schools and 10 persons, eight of whom shall be appointed by the appointing authority of the county with the advice and consent of the board of chosen freeholders, at least two of whom shall be women and two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, according to criteria and for such initial terms as shall be established. However, no trustee shall be appointed after July 1, 1994 who is an employee of a constituent county. The president of the college shall serve as an ex officio member of the board of trustees without vote. In addition, the student body of each county college shall be entitled to elect from the graduating class one representative to serve as a member on the board of trustees for a term of one year commencing at the first meeting of the board in July following graduation of his class. The student representative may be granted voting rights by a majority vote of the members of the board of trustees. If the board of trustees grants the student representative voting rights and all members of the board are present at the board meeting and there is a tie vote, the chairman shall break the tie.

The appointing authority of the county shall establish a trustee search committee of not less than five members who shall be residents of the county. The members of the trustee search committee shall not be elected public officials and shall not be eligible for appointment to the board of trustees for a period of six months after their service on the trustee search committee. The trustee search committee shall nominate individuals for consideration by the appointing authority of the county for appointment to the board of trustees.

When a county college is established by more than one county, the board of trustees shall be increased by two members for each additional participating county. The membership of the board of trustees shall be apportioned by the commission among the several counties as nearly as may be according to the number of inhabitants in each county as shown by the last federal census, officially promulgated in this State. Each apportionment shall continue in effect until a reapportionment shall become necessary by reason of the official promulgation of the next federal census or the enlargement of the board by the admission of one or more additional counties as provided for in section 18A:64A-24. Each county shall be entitled to have at least two members and the county superintendent of the schools of said county on the board of trustees.

2. Section 6 of P.L.1982, c.42 (C.18A:64A-55) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64A-55 Membership of board of trustees.

6. The board of trustees shall include seven public trustees, consisting of the county superintendent of schools, four members appointed by the board of chosen freeholders, and two citizens of the county appointed by the Governor, and four trustees appointed by the board of governors from among its members. However, no trustee shall be appointed after July 1, 1994 who is an employee of a constituent county. In addition, the student body shall be entitled to elect from the graduating class one representative to serve as a member of the

board of trustees for a term of one year commencing at the first meeting of the board in July following graduation of his class. The student representative may be granted voting rights by a majority vote of the members of the board of trustees. If the board of trustees grants the student representative voting rights and all members of the board are present at the board meeting and there is a tie vote, the chairman shall break the tie.

All appointive members shall be residents of the county for a period of four years prior to appointment and no elected public official or employee of the county college shall serve as a voting member of the board. The terms of office of the appointive members shall be four years, except for the first appointment. Terms of those initially appointed by the chairman of the board of chosen freeholders shall expire, respectively, one, two, three and four years after appointment. Of those appointed by the Governor, one person shall be appointed for a term of two years and one for a term of four years. Of the members appointed by the board of governors, one person shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, and one for a term of four years.

Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term. Upon notice and opportunity to be heard, an appointee may be removed for cause by the body originally making the appointment. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to graduating class representatives elected following its enactment.

Approved August 21, 2007.