

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 11—Committee on
Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for the election of certain members of the Board of Regents and the gubernatorial appointment of certain members of the Board of Regents, and to specify the number and terms of the members.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 7 of Article 11 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

~~{Sec: 7. The Governor, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall for the first Four Years and until their successors are elected and qualified constitute}~~

Sec. 7. 1. There is hereby created a Board of Regents to control and manage the affairs of the University and the funds of the same under such regulations as may be provided by law. ~~{But the}~~

2. The Board of Regents consists of nine members. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, one member must be elected from each congressional district in this state and the remaining positions, if any, must be filled by the Governor by appointment. If at any time this state is apportioned more than nine congressional seats, the Legislature shall provide for the districts from which the nine members of the Board of Regents must be elected.

3. The Legislature shall provide for the arrangement of the terms of the elected members of the Board of Regents so that an equal number of terms, as nearly as may be, expire every 2 years. The Governor shall provide for the arrangement of the terms of the appointed members of the Board of Regents so that an equal number of terms, as nearly as may be, expire every 2 years. After initial terms of 2 or 4 years to ensure staggered terms, each member of the Board of Regents shall serve a term of 4 years, and until his successor is elected and qualified or appointed and qualified.

4. If a vacancy occurs during the term of a member appointed by the Governor, the Governor shall appoint a person similarly qualified to replace that member for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. Not more than two-thirds of the appointed members of the Board of Regents may be members of the same political party.

6. *The* Legislature shall ~~[at its regular session next preceding the expiration of the term of Office of said Board of Regents provide for the election of a new]~~ *define the duties of the members of the* Board of Regents . ~~[and define their duties.]~~

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the term of any member of the Board of Regents who was elected before November 4, 2008, expires on January 5, 2009. The Governor shall make his appointments pursuant to subsection 2 of Section 7 of Article 11 of the Nevada Constitution as soon as practicable after January 5, 2009, and in making those appointments may appoint a former member of the Board of Regents.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective on January 1, 2008, for purposes of nominating and electing members to the Board of Regents from each congressional district, and on January 5, 2009, for all other purposes.