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SUMMARY

Requires governing board at each public university to include graduate student as voting member if university has more than 400 graduate students or if graduate students comprise more than 15 percent of total student body.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to composition of higher education boards; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 352.076.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 352.076 is amended to read:

352.076. (1) A governing board for a public university must be formed and maintained as provided in this section.

(2)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the Governor shall appoint all of the 11 to 15 members of the governing board, subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

(b) The governing board must include one person who is [a] **an undergraduate** student enrolled at the university. The **undergraduate** student shall be a voting member of the board.

(c)(A) **The governing board must include one person who is a graduate student enrolled at the university if:**

(i) **The university has more than 400 graduate students; or**

(ii) **Graduate students comprise more than 15 percent of the total number of students enrolled at the university.**

(B) The graduate student shall be a voting member of the board.

1 [(c)] (d) The governing board must include one person who is a member
2 of the faculty of the university and one person who is a member of the
3 nonfaculty staff of the university. For each appointment made under this
4 paragraph, the Governor may appoint the person as either a voting or non-
5 voting member of the governing board.

6 (3) The president of the university shall be an ex officio nonvoting mem-
7 ber of the governing board.

8 (4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the term of
9 office for each appointed member of the governing board is four years.

10 (b) The term of office of each student, faculty and nonfaculty staff mem-
11 ber of the governing board is two years.

12 (c) A member of the governing board may not be appointed to serve more
13 than two consecutive full terms.

14 (d) The Governor may remove any appointed member of the governing
15 board at any time for cause, after notice and public hearing, but may not
16 remove more than three members within a period of four years, unless it is
17 for corrupt conduct in office.

18 (e) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the re-
19 mainder of the unexpired term.

20 (5) The faculty and nonfaculty staff members of the governing board may
21 not participate in any discussions or action by the board or attend any
22 executive session of the board involving collective bargaining issues that
23 affect faculty or nonfaculty staff at the university.

24 (6) The governing board shall select one of its members as chairperson
25 and another as vice chairperson for such terms and with duties and powers
26 as the board considers necessary for the performance of the functions of
27 those offices. The governing board shall adopt bylaws concerning how a
28 quorum is constituted and when a quorum is necessary.

29 (7) The governing board shall meet at least four times per year, and may
30 meet at the call of the chairperson or a majority of the voting members of
31 the board.

1 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 352.076 by section 1 of this
2 **2023 Act apply to appointments made on or after the effective date of**
3 **this 2023 Act.**

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