

SENATE BILL No. 110

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-20-3.

Synopsis: Indiana University board of trustees. Amends the membership of the board of trustees of Indiana University.

Effective: Upon passage.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-20-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
- 2 SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The board of trustees has
- 4 nine (9) members. ~~appointed by the governor.~~
- 5 (b) ~~At least five (5) of the members appointed to the board of~~
- 6 ~~trustees must be alumni of Indiana University.~~
- 7 SECTION 2. IC 21-20-3-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
- 8 PASSAGE]. ~~Sec. 2.5. (a) The governor may at any time remove and~~
- 9 ~~replace a member of the board of trustees who was elected by the~~
- 10 ~~alumni of Indiana University.~~
- 11 (b) ~~If the governor removes and replaces a member under this~~
- 12 ~~section, the new member appointed by the governor serves until the~~
- 13 ~~expiration of the term of the replaced member described in subsection~~
- 14 ~~(a).~~
- 15 (c) ~~If the governor does not remove and replace a member under this~~
- 16 ~~section, the member of the board of trustees elected by the alumni of~~
- 17 ~~Indiana University may serve until the member's term expires.~~



(d) ~~This section expires January 1, 2028.~~

SECTION 3. IC 21-20-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025, SECTION 255, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) ~~At least five (5) of the members appointed to the board of trustees must be residents of Indiana.~~

(b) ~~This subsection~~ **section** does not apply to the student trustee appointed to the board of trustees. Not more than: ~~three (3) of the members of the board of trustees~~

(1) one (1) of the trustees elected to the board of trustees; and

(2) two (2) of the trustees appointed to the board of trustees; may reside in the same county.

SECTION 4. IC 21-20-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. (a) **Three (3) members of the board of trustees shall be elected by the alumni of Indiana University under this chapter. In the year in which the term of any member of the board of trustees elected by the alumni expires, a successor to the trustee shall be elected by the alumni of Indiana University, to serve for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1 next succeeding the election.**

(b) **When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board of trustees who are elected by the alumni, because of death, resignation, or any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled by selection by the Indiana University alumni association executive council for the unexpired term.**

SECTION 5. IC 21-20-3-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4.5. **The members of the board of trustees who are elected by the alumni of Indiana University must be alumni of Indiana University.**

SECTION 6. IC 21-20-3-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5.5. **The alumni of Indiana University consist of those persons who have been awarded a degree by the board of trustees of Indiana University as recommended by the faculty.**

SECTION 7. IC 21-20-3-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6.5. (a) **Any one hundred (100) or more alumni of Indiana University may file with the librarian of Indiana University on or before April 1 in each year a written nomination**



for a trustee to be elected by the alumni at the next election.

(b) After April 1, but not later than June 1, a list of all candidates nominated under this section shall be mailed by the librarian to each alumnus at the alumnus's address.

SECTION 8. IC 21-20-3-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 7.5. Beginning in the 2026 calendar year, the election of members of the board of trustees shall be held at Indiana University on the secular day immediately preceding July 1. At that time trustees shall be elected to:**

(1) serve for a term of three (3) years from July 1 next succeeding the trustee's election; and

(2) complete any unexpired term or terms.

SECTION 9. IC 21-20-3-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8.5. The university librarian shall conduct the elections to select the three (3) alumni members of the board of trustees. All alumni (as described in section 5.5 of this chapter) are eligible to participate in the election either by electronic or printed ballot, and each eligible individual may cast only one (1) vote. A request for a printed ballot must be made in writing to the university librarian not later than May 1 of an election year. The university librarian may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to carry out this section.**

SECTION 10. IC 21-20-3-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 9.5. The person receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared the elected trustee. If two (2) or more persons receive an equal and the greatest number of votes cast, the librarian shall cast lots to determine which of the persons shall be declared the elected trustee.**

SECTION 11. IC 21-20-3-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 10.5. The term of an elected trustee expires July 1 of the year in which the terms are to end.**

SECTION 12. IC 21-20-3-11.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. **Sec. 11.5. Except for the student trustee described in section 13 of this chapter, an employee of Indiana University may not serve as a member of the board of trustees.**

SECTION 13. IC 21-20-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025, SECTION 265, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 12. (a) Except for a student**



trustee described in section 13 of this chapter; each member **The governor shall appoint five (5) members** of the board of trustees serves for a term terms of three (3) years.

(b) ~~A member of the board of trustees may not serve more than three (3) terms.~~

(c) ~~(b)~~ Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board of trustees **who are appointed by the governor** because of death or resignation or for any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment of the governor for the unexpired term.

SECTION 14. IC 21-20-3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025, SECTION 266, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) ~~One (1) member appointed~~ **The governor shall appoint** to the board of trustees a **member who** must be a full-time student of Indiana University **during the two (2) year tenure of the appointment.**

(b) ~~The student trustee appointed in accordance with this section serves for a term of one (1) year.~~

SECTION 15. IC 21-20-3-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) **This section does not apply to the:**

(1) student trustee appointed to the board of trustees under this chapter; or

(2) other members of the board of trustees whose terms expire in June 2026.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, an election by the alumni of Indiana University shall be held as described in this chapter to elect three (3) members of the board of trustees. The following apply to the three (3) members elected as provided in this section in 2026:

(1) The three (3) elected members replace the members of the board of trustees who were appointed as new members by the governor in June 2025.

(2) Each alumnus described in section 5.5 of this chapter may cast three (3) votes in the 2026 election. However, an alumnus may not cast more than one (1) vote for the same candidate.

(3) The initial term of each elected member is as follows:

(A) The individual who receives the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared an elected trustee and serve an initial term of three (3) years.

(B) The individual who receives the second greatest number of votes cast shall be declared an elected trustee



- 1 and serve an initial term of two (2) years.
2 (C) The individual who receives the third greatest number
3 of votes cast shall be declared an elected trustee and serve
4 an initial term of one (1) year.
5 (4) If two (2) or more persons described in subdivision (3)
6 receive an equal number of votes cast for one (1) elected
7 trustee position, the librarian shall cast lots to determine
8 which of the persons shall be declared the elected trustee.
9 (5) The term of each elected member begins July 1, 2026.
10 (6) The term of a each elected member expires July 1 of the
11 year in which the terms are to end.
12 (c) This section expires July 1, 2030.
13 SECTION 16. An emergency is declared for this act.

