Date of Hearing: August 3, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS Chris Holden, Chair

SCA 5 (Glazer) – As Amended June 23, 2022

Policy Committee: Higher Education Vote: 12 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: No Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill modifies the state Constitution to require, rather than authorize, members of the University of California (UC) Board of Regents to appoint two students enrolled at any UC campus to the UC Board of Regents, each serving a term of two years. The student members are to have full rights of participation on the Board of Regents.

Because this measure is a constitutional amendment, it requires a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature to pass, at which point the measure would be placed on the next statewide ballot.

FISCAL EFFECT:

- 1) One-time General Fund costs to the Secretary of State in the range of \$546,000 to \$728,000 for printing and mailing costs to place the measure on the ballot in a statewide election. Actual costs may be higher or lower, depending on the length of required elements and the overall size of the ballot.
- 2) Minor and absorbable costs to the UC.

COMMENTS:

 Background. Per the California Constitution, the UC is a public trust to be administered by the UC Board of Regents with full powers of organization and government. The UC is subject to legislative control only in certain situations, such as in insuring the security of UC funds.

The constitution requires the UC Board of Regents to be composed of 25 voting members: seven ex officio members and 18 members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. The constitution also authorizes the Board of Regents to appoint either a faculty member or a student enrolled at a UC campus, or both, as voting members of the Board of Regents. Currently, a student regent serves on the Board of Regents.

This bill requires, rather than authorizes, the UC Board of Regents to appoint two students enrolled at any UC campus to the Board of Regents. The bill would therefore increase the total number of required voting members on the UC Board of Regents from 25 to 27. The bill makes no changes to the appointment of a faculty member. Therefore, if the Board of

Regents choses to appoint a faculty member, the total number of voting members would be 28.

2) **Timing.** According to the author, in order for this measure to be placed on the 2022 statewide ballot, the Legislature would need to pass it by June 30, 2022. If this measure passes after this date, it would likely be placed on the 2024 statewide ballot.

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