

Assembly Bill No. 118—Assemblyman Watts

Joint Sponsor: Senator Donate

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AN ACT relating to higher education; revising the term length and membership of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; revising the length of terms for members of the Board of Regents; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

The Nevada Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for: (1) the establishment of a State University controlled by a Board of Regents; and (2) the election of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada. (Nev. Const. Art. 11, §§ 4, 7) Existing law establishes the number of members of the Board of Regents and the process by which such members are elected. (NRS 396.040) **Section 1** of this bill reduces the number of members of the Board of Regents from 13 to 9. Additionally, **section 1** reduces the length of terms of members from 6 years to 4 years, beginning with the 2028 election cycle. **Section 2** of this bill staggers the initial terms of members of the Board of Regents following the reduction in membership and revises the length of terms of members elected at the general elections held in 2024 and 2026.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 396.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.040 1. The Board of Regents consists of ~~{13}~~ **9** members elected by the registered voters within the districts described in the shapefile adopted by NRS 396.047.

2. The members of the Board of Regents must be elected as follows:

(a) At the general election in ~~{2002,}~~ **2028**, and every ~~{6}~~ **4** years thereafter, one member of the Board of Regents must be elected from districts ~~{2, 3, 5}~~ **1, 4, 6, 7** and ~~{10,}~~ **9**.

(b) At the general election in ~~{2004,}~~ **2030**, and every ~~{6}~~ **4** years thereafter, one member of the Board of Regents must be elected from districts ~~{6, 7, 8, 11}~~ **2, 3, 5** and ~~{13}~~.

~~—(c) At the general election in 2006, and every 6 years thereafter, one member of the Board of Regents must be elected from districts 1, 4, 9 and 12.} 8.~~

3. Each member of the Board of Regents must be a resident of the district from which the member is elected.



**Sec. 2.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 396.040, the terms of the members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada who are incumbent on January 2, 2029, expire on that date.

2. Four members of the Board of Regents from districts 1, 4, 9 and 12 must be selected at the general election held on November 5, 2024, and take office on January 7, 2025. The terms of the members elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 2, 2029.

3. Four members of the Board of Regents from districts 2, 3, 5 and 10 must be selected at the general election held on November 3, 2026, and take office on January 5, 2027. The terms of the members elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 2, 2029.

4. Four members of the Board of Regents from districts 2, 3, 5 and 8 must be selected at the general election held on November 7, 2028, and take office on January 2, 2029. The terms of the members elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 7, 2031.

5. Five members of the Board of Regents from districts 1, 4, 6, 7 and 9 must be selected at the general election held on November 7, 2028, and take office on January 2, 2029. The terms of the members elected pursuant to this subsection expire on January 4, 2033.

**Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2028, for the purpose of filing for office and for nominating and electing members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, and on January 2, 2029, for all other purposes.

