

**A004 – 0607**

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Education – Changing the selection and appointment process for the University System of**  
30 **Maryland Board of Regents**

40 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor and leaders of the Maryland General Assembly to  
50 convene a special committee to make recommendations for appointments to the University System  
60 of Maryland Board of Regents

70 BY repealing, and reenacting, with amendments,  
80 Article – Education  
90 Section 12 – 102  
100 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006)

110 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the**  
120 **laws of Maryland read as follows:**

130 (a) (1) There is a body corporate and politic known as the University System of Maryland.

140 (2) The University is an instrumentality of the State and a public corporation.

150 (3) The University is an independent unit of State government.

160 (4) The exercise by the University of the powers conferred by this subtitle is the  
170 performance of an essential public function.

180 (b) The government of the University System of Maryland is vested in the Board of Regents of the  
190 University System of Maryland.

200 (c) The Board of Regents consists of 17 members as follows:

210 (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, one member shall  
220 be a full-time student in good academic standing at an institution under the  
230 jurisdiction of the Board; and

240 (ii) A student member who is in good academic standing at the University of  
250 Maryland University College shall be exempt from the full-time student  
260 requirement in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph;

270 (2) One member shall be the State Secretary of Agriculture ex officio; and

280 (3) The remaining members of the Board shall be residents of the State and shall be  
290 appointed from the general public.

300 (d) In making appointments to the Board, the Governor, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE SENATE,  
310 AND SPEAKER OF THE STATE HOUSE OF DELEGATES shall consider representation from  
320 all parts of the State AND THE BACKGROUNDS 95 OF THE APPOINTEES BY  
330 APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE OF 7 MEMBERS: 3 APPOINTED BY THE  
340 GOVERNOR AND 2 EACH BY THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS WHO WILL BE  
350 CONVENED AT THE GOVERNOR’S PLEASURE TO INTERVIEW, REVIEW  
360 QUALIFICATIONS, AND MAKE RECCOMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR FOR THE  
370 APPOINTMENTS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SANS THE STUDENT MEMBER.

380 (e) Except for the Secretary of Agriculture, each member of the Board shall be appointed by the  
390 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

400 (f) (1) Except for the student member, each appointed member serves for a term of 5 years  
410 from July 1 of the year of appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.  
420 These members may be reappointed.

430 (2) The student member shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, from July 1, and may be  
440 reappointed if the student remains a student at any campus of the University System of  
450 Maryland.

460 (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the  
470 remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

480 (g) Except for the Secretary of Agriculture, a member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full  
490 terms.

500 (h) Each member of the Board:

510 (1) Serves without compensation; and

520 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the Standard State  
530 Travel Regulations.

540 **BE IT FURTHER INACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

550 **MANDATES:** Governor-elect Martin J. O'Malley  
560 Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
570 Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
580 Speaker of the House of Delegates Michael E. Busch

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