

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 OF THE APPOINTEES BY APPOINTING
330 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 RECOMENDATIONS 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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