

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 228
SENATE BILL 736

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND BEGINNING IN 1989 PROVIDING THAT NO MEMBER MAY BE RE-ELECTED TO THAT BOARD AFTER 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 116-6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 116-6. **Election and terms of members of Board of Governors.**—(a) As the terms of members of the Board of Governors provided for in G.S. 116-5 expire, their successors shall be elected by the Senate and House of Representatives. Eight members shall be so elected at the regular legislative session in ~~1973 and every two years thereafter~~ 1987 and 1989, and 16 members shall be so elected at the regular legislative session in 1991 and every two years thereafter.

(b) All terms shall commence on July 1 of odd-numbered years and all members shall serve for eight-year overlapping terms, except that beginning with members elected in 1987, all members shall serve for four-year overlapping terms.

(c) ~~No member may be elected to more than two full terms in succession. Beginning with elections in 1989, no person may be elected to:~~

- (1) more than three full four-year terms in succession;
- (2) a four-year term if preceded immediately by election to two full eight-year terms in succession; or
- (3) a four-year term if preceded immediately by election to an eight-year term and a four year-term in succession.

Resignation from a term of office does not constitute a break in service for the purpose of this subsection. Service prior to the beginning of those terms in 1989 shall be included in the limitations.

(d) The Senate and House of Representatives, in electing members of the Board of Governors, shall select from a slate of nominees made in a joint session of the General Assembly. There shall be nominated from the floor at least twice the number of persons as there are vacancies to be filled. The Senate and the House of Representatives shall elect one half of the persons necessary to fill the vacancies, with the Senate to hold its election prior to the House of Representatives. In the event that an odd number of members are to be elected, the House of Representatives shall select the additional nominee. In 1973 and every four years thereafter through 1989, the Senate shall elect at least one woman and one member of a minority race and the House of

Representatives shall elect at least one member of the political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly belong. In 1975 and every four years thereafter through 1987, the Senate shall elect at least one member of the political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly belong and the House of Representatives shall elect at least one woman and one member of a minority race. In 1991 and every four years thereafter the Senate shall elect at least two members of the political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly belong and the House of Representatives shall elect at least two women and two members of a minority race. In 1993 and every four years thereafter the Senate shall elect at least two women and two members of a minority race and the House of Representatives shall elect at least two members of the political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly belong. In 1989 and biennially thereafter, these elections shall be held during the first 30 legislative days of the regular session.

(e) Of the eight members elected every two years through 1989, at least one shall be a woman, at least one other member shall be a member of a minority race, and at least one other member shall be a member of the political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly belong. Of the 16 members elected every two years beginning in 1991, at least two shall be women, at least two other members shall be members of a minority race, and at least two other members shall be members of the political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly belong. In subsequent elections to the Board, the General Assembly shall maintain at least these minimum proportions among the members of the Board.

(f) Effective July 1, 1987, and thereafter, any person who has not attained the age of 70 years, and who has served at least one full term as chairman of the Board of Governors shall be a member **emeritus** of the Board of Governors. Members **emeriti** have all the rights and privileges of membership except they do not have a vote."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of May, 1987.