

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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# **SENATE BILL 1058**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1621, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO UNIVERSITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1621, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-1621. Members; appointment; terms; oath; immunity

5 A. The Arizona board of regents consists of ten appointive members,  
6 including two student members, and the governor and the superintendent of  
7 public instruction as ex officio members.

8 B. Appointive members, except the student members, shall be appointed  
9 by the governor pursuant to section 38-211. The term of each appointive  
10 member, except the student members, is eight years, to begin and end on the  
11 third Monday in January.

12 C. The governor shall appoint two student members to serve staggered  
13 terms. Each year the governor shall designate on a rotation basis a  
14 university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents to submit a  
15 list of nominees for the position of student member. The associated  
16 students' organization of the designated university, by majority vote of its  
17 governing body, shall select three nominees for student member. The governor  
18 shall consider the three nominees when making the appointment of the student  
19 member but may appoint any qualified student. Before adjournment of the  
20 regular session of the legislature, the governor shall submit to the senate  
21 for consent of the senate the name of the nominee for student member whose  
22 term is to begin on July 1. A student nominated for a full term may not  
23 serve until confirmed by the senate. A student member must be a person who is  
24 legally domiciled in this state and attends a university under the  
25 jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents on a full-time basis. In the  
26 first year of the term the student member may exercise all rights and  
27 privileges of a board member, except the right to vote. In the second year  
28 of the term the student member may exercise all rights and privileges of a  
29 board member, including the right to vote. The term of each student member  
30 is two years, beginning on July 1. The governor may remove the student  
31 members for cause. A student member who graduates with no more than seven  
32 months remaining in the second year of ~~the~~ A term may serve the remainder of  
33 the term. A vacancy in the office of student member shall be filled as  
34 follows:

35 1. If a vacancy occurs during the first year of a student member's  
36 term, the office shall be filled for the unexpired term. A student member  
37 nominated by the governor to fill a vacancy pursuant to this paragraph may  
38 serve the balance of the term without being confirmed by the senate.

39 2. If a vacancy occurs during the second year of a student member's  
40 term, the remaining student member shall assume all rights and privileges of  
41 a board member, including the right to vote. A new student member shall be  
42 nominated to a two year term to begin on July 1 as provided in this  
43 subsection.

1           D. ON EXPIRATION OF THE TERM IN JANUARY 2008 OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE  
2 ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO MEMBERS WHO RESIDE  
3 IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS  
4 PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-211. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE SELECTED FROM APACHE,  
5 COCONINO, GILA, MOHAVE, NAVAJO OR YAVAPAI COUNTY AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE  
6 SELECTED FROM COCHISE, GRAHAM, GREENLEE, LA PAZ, PINAL, SANTA CRUZ OR YUMA  
7 COUNTY. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE GOVERNOR FROM APPOINTING MORE  
8 THAN TWO MEMBERS WHO RESIDE IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN EIGHT  
9 HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS AT ONE TIME TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS. THE  
10 GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS TO REPLACE THE TERMS OF MEMBERS  
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION IN THE SAME MANNER.

12           ~~D.~~ E. Each appointive member of the board shall take the oath of  
13 office before entering upon the duties of the member's office.

14           ~~E.~~ F. Members of the board are immune from personal liability with  
15 respect to all acts done and actions taken in good faith within the scope of  
16 their authority during duly constituted regular and special meetings with  
17 approval of a majority of the board.

18           Sec. 2. Vacancy

19           If a term of a member of the Arizona board of regents becomes vacant  
20 before January 2008, the governor shall make the appointment pursuant to  
21 section 15-1621, subsection D, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this  
22 act.