



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 610

SENATE BILL NO. 1596

By Roberts, Lundberg, Watson, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1739

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8, relative to the Tennessee State University, board of trustees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(f), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(9) Notwithstanding subdivisions (f)(1)-(8):

(A)(i) The state university board for Tennessee State University is vacated on the effective date of this act, and reconstituted to consist of ten (10) members as provided in subdivision (f)(1), who serve initial terms as provided in subdivision (f)(2), whose terms are subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives as provided in subdivision (f)(3), and who are eligible for reappointment as provided in subdivision (f)(4), and

(ii) The term of a member who was serving on the state university board for Tennessee State University on the effective date of this act, shall be counted as a term for purposes of subdivision (f)(4);

(B) Vacancies occurring on the state university board for Tennessee State University shall be filled in accordance with subdivision (f)(5);

(C) The individuals identified in subdivision (f)(6) are prohibited from serving as a member of the state university board for Tennessee State University for so long as they hold the office or position;

(D)(i) The eight (8) members appointed by the governor to serve on the state university board for Tennessee State University shall attend orientation seminars coordinated and administered by the commission pursuant to subdivision (f)(7)(A) within their first year of service; and

(ii) The governor shall call the first meeting of the reconstituted state university board for Tennessee State University, at which time the board shall assume responsibility for the management and governance of Tennessee State University; thereafter, the state university board shall meet at least four (4) times each year and make its meetings available for public viewing as provided in subdivision (f)(7)(B); and

(E)(i) The state university board for Tennessee State University shall elect from its members a chair, who shall serve a term of two (2) years, and other officers the board deems appropriate; and

(ii) The board shall adopt bylaws and rules for the organization and conduct of its business, as well as a policy that facilitates ongoing professional development for its members.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-244(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (39).

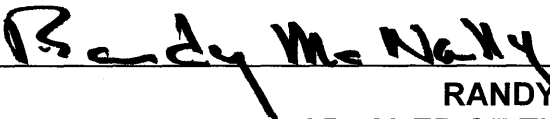
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-247(a), is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision:

() Tennessee State University, board of trustees, created by §§ 49-8-101 and 49-8-201;


SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 28, 2024




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of March 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR