



# HOUSE BILL 39: Amend Appointments/University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2017-1 reduces the number of members elected by the General Assembly to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina (BOG) from 16 every 2 years to 12 every 2 years. This will reduce the elected membership of the BOG from 32 to 24 by July 1, 2019.*

*The reduction in number of members elected to the BOG became effective March 3, 2017. Conforming changes to this reduction became effective July 1, 2017, and additional conforming changes become effective July 1, 2019.*

**PRIOR LAW:** G.S. 116-6 provides that 16 members of the BOG are to be elected on odd-numbered years by the General Assembly with the House of Representatives electing 8 members and the Senate also electing 8 members. As a result, the elected membership of the BOG consists of 32 individuals serving staggered 4 year terms. Furthermore, G.S. 116-6(c) provides that each chamber must hold their elections within 30 legislative days after appointments to their education committees are complete.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2017-1 reduces the number of members elected by the General Assembly to the BOG from 16 every 2 years to 12 every 2 years. In the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly, 12 members will be elected rather than 16 members: 6 members elected by the House of Representatives and 6 members elected by the Senate. This brings the total membership to 28 elected members for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. In the 2019 Regular Session, 12 members will be elected rather than 16 members: 6 members elected by the House of Representatives and 6 members elected by the Senate. Therefore as of July 1, 2019, the BOG will have 24 elected members.

In addition, S.L. 2017-1 extends the statutory deadline for the BOG elections in both the House of Representatives and the Senate from 30 legislative days to 45 legislative days from the date of the appointments of their education committees. This is a one-time extension only for the elections during 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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