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1 A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR
2 NOMINATING AND ELECTING ONE MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY ON
3 THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
4 CAROLINA.

5 Be it resolved by the Senate:

6 Section 1. The following procedures for nominating and electing one
7 member of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to fill the
8 vacant seat in the at-large category for the remainder of the unexpired four-year term
9 that began July 1, 1989, are adopted:

10 **I. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.**

11 1. It is the duty of the Senate Committee on Higher Education ("Committee"
12) to choose nominees for the vacant seat in the at-large category on the Board of
13 Governors of The University of North Carolina to which the Senate is to elect one
14 member to complete the remainder of the unexpired four-year term that began July 1,
15 1989.

16 2. The Committee shall receive suggestions of proposed candidates for
17 nomination for election to the University Board of Governors through June 2, 1992. A
18 Senator may propose only one candidate for nomination. In order for a person to have
19 standing to be considered as a candidate for nomination by the Committee, a member of
20 the Senate must formally propose that person as a candidate for nomination.

21 3. On or after June 2, 1992, the Committee shall meet and receive formal
22 proposals of candidates for nomination. A Senator may propose a candidate for
23 nomination only for the vacant seat in the at-large category. In this 1992 Session of the
24 1991 General Assembly, the Senate shall elect one at-large member to complete the

1 remainder of the unexpired four-year term left vacant by a member whose term began
2 July 1, 1989.

3 4. After the proposing process is closed, the Committee shall list all proposed
4 candidates for nomination. The Committee may screen the proposed candidates for
5 nomination as to their qualifications and background and may interview each one to
6 determine that suitable persons are nominated for the vacant seat. The Committee shall
7 ascertain that each candidate for nomination is willing and able to serve and has no
8 statutory disability. On completion of the screening process, the Committee shall vote
9 on each candidate proposed for nomination. In the instance where two or more
10 candidates are proposed for the vacancy, the Committee shall place at least two
11 nominees for the vacancy on the ballot. A vote of a majority of those members of the
12 Committee present and voting shall constitute one a nominee on the ballot.

13 5. The Chair of the Committee shall contact all nominees for election by the
14 Senate and ascertain whether they would serve if elected. Any nominee may withdraw
15 his or her name without the approval of the Senator who proposed that nominee.

16 6. Committee nominees shall be placed before and recommended to the
17 Senate for election.

18 II. ELECTIONS IN THE SENATE.

19 1. A ballot shall be prepared under the supervision of the Chair of the
20 Committee for the use of the Senate.

21 2. The ballot shall list only the names of those nominees proposed by the
22 Committee who have consented to run and for whom the Senate is entitled to vote.
23 Their names shall be arranged alphabetically by surname in the at-large category.

24 3. The Senate shall hold its election at the daily session on June 17, 1992.
25 Before the voting begins, the President of the Senate shall explain the voting rules,
26 which are:

- 27 (i) No nomination shall be received from the floor.
28 (ii) In order to be chosen, a nominee must receive the votes of a
29 majority of all members present and voting.
30 (iii) Each member present and voting shall vote for one nominee,
31 and any ballot not so marked shall be deemed void.
32 (iv) If there are more than two nominees and if no nominee
33 receives a majority of the votes cast, a runoff shall be conducted
34 between the person receiving the highest and the person receiving
35 the second highest number of votes cast.

36 4. The Senators shall proceed to mark their ballots for one person to fill the
37 vacant seat in the at-large category for the remainder of the unexpired four-year term
38 that began on July 1, 1989. Every ballot shall be signed by the Senator casting it, and no
39 unsigned ballots shall be counted.

40 5. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for canvassing the vote and
41 declaring the results. The Principal Clerk shall retain all ballots as part of the permanent
42 records of the Senate, and the ballots shall be open for immediate public inspection.

43 6. When the Chair of the Committee has determined that the Senate has
44 chosen one member of the Board of Governors to fill the vacant seat in the at-large

1 category for the remainder of the unexpired four-year term that began on July 1, 1989,
2 the President of the Senate shall declare that person to have been elected.

3 7. The results of the election in the Senate shall then be sent by Special
4 Messenger to the House of Representatives.

5 **III. NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS.**

6 When the election process is complete, the Chair of the Senate Committee
7 shall notify the Secretary of the Board of Governors of The University of North
8 Carolina of the name of the person elected by the Senate to fill the vacant seat in the at-
9 large category for the remainder of the unexpired four-year term that began on July 1,
10 1989.

11 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.