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HOUSE RESOLUTION 126

Sponsors: Representatives Wood, Eddins, McMahan, Cummings; Dockham and McComas.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

February 8, 1995

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING
2 AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 Section 1. The following procedures for nominating and electing eight
6 members of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina (hereinafter the
7 "Board of Governors") are adopted:

8 **I. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.**

9 1. It is the duty of the Committee on Education of the House of
10 Representatives (hereinafter the "Committee") to conduct a process for nominating and
11 electing persons for each opening in each category of seats on the Board of Governors to
12 which the House of Representatives is to elect members. The Chair of the Committee
13 may refer any of the Committee's responsibilities under this resolution to the
14 Subcommittee on Community Colleges and University Affairs.

15 2. The Committee shall receive nominations for election to the Board of
16 Governors through February 15, 1995. Each Representative may nominate up to two
17 persons. In order for a person to have standing as a nominee, that person must be
18 formally nominated by a member of the House of Representatives. Only a written
19 nomination on a form provided by the Chair of the Committee for that purpose and
20 received in the office of the Chair of the Committee by 12:00 noon on February 15, 1995,
21 shall constitute a nomination. An individual cannot be a nominee or be nominated in

1 more than one category. An individual is not eligible for nomination if he or she was
2 nominated and not elected to the Board of Governors by the Senate during the 1995
3 Session.

4 3. A Representative may nominate persons only for the categories available
5 for election by the House of Representatives. In the 1995 Session, the House of
6 Representatives will elect:

7 (a) Two members of the minority race category, for four-year terms;

8 (b) Two members of the woman category, for four-year terms; and

9 (c) Four members of the at-large category, for four year terms.

10 4. On or after February 16, 1995, the Committee shall list all nominees by
11 category. The Committee shall screen the nominees as to their qualifications, experience,
12 opinions, and statutory suitability. The Committee may screen nominees by
13 interviewing, or by soliciting written information, or by both means. On completion of
14 the screening process, the Committee shall prepare a ballot that includes all legally
15 qualified nominees; and members of the Committee shall vote for their preferences in
16 each category.

17 5. Each nominee shall confirm his or her willingness to serve if elected. Any
18 nominee may withdraw without the approval of the sponsor.

19 **II. ELECTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

20 1. A ballot shall be prepared under the supervision of the Chair of the
21 Committee for the use of the House of Representatives. The ballot shall include all
22 legally qualified nominees and shall indicate the results of the Committee's votes for the
23 information of the members of the House of Representatives.

24 2. The names of the nominees shall be arranged on the ballot (a) by category
25 and (b) within each category, ranked in decreasing order by the number of votes received
26 from the members of the Committee, beginning with the nominee who received the
27 highest number of votes.

28 3. The House of Representatives shall hold its election no later than the
29 beginning of the daily session on March 16, 1995. Before the voting begins, the Speaker
30 of the House of Representatives shall explain the voting rules, which are:

31 (a) No nomination shall be received from the floor.

32 (b) In order to be elected, a nominee must receive the votes of a majority of
33 all members present and voting in the nominee's category.

34 (c) Each member present and voting shall vote for as many nominees as
35 there are positions to be filled in each category.

36 (d) When fewer than two nominees in the minority race or woman
37 categories, or fewer than four nominees in the at-large category, receive
38 the votes of a majority of all members present and voting for positions
39 in those categories, a runoff to fill the open position or positions shall be
40 conducted among the nominees who were not elected but who received
41 the highest number of votes cast in each category; and the number of
42 nominees eligible to be voted on in the runoff shall be twice the number
43 of positions to be filled.

1 (e) If there is a tie for the last position between two nominees who are
2 eligible for the next runoff, both nominees shall be included in the next
3 runoff balloting, even though there would be more than two nominees
4 per available position.

5 (f) When more than two nominees in the minority race or woman
6 categories, or more than four nominees in the at-large category, receive
7 the votes of a majority of all members present and voting for positions
8 in those categories, then the two nominees in the minority race category,
9 the two nominees in the woman category, and the four nominees in the
10 at-large category receiving the highest number of votes in the category
11 shall be deemed to have been elected.

12 4. The members of the House of Representatives shall proceed to vote by roll
13 call for the following:

14 (a) Two persons in the minority race category for four-year terms;

15 (b) Two persons in the woman category for four-year terms; and

16 (c) Four persons in the at-large category for four-year terms.

17 5. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for canvassing the vote and
18 declaring the results and may designate members of the Committee to assist.

19 6. When the Chair of the Committee has determined that the House of
20 Representatives has elected two members from the minority race category, two members
21 from the woman category, and four members from the at-large category to the Board of
22 Governors for terms of four years, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
23 declare those eight persons to have been elected by the House of Representatives to the
24 indicated positions and for the indicated terms.

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

27 **III. NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS.**

28 When the election process is complete, the Chair of the Committee shall notify
29 the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the names of the persons elected by the House
30 of Representatives and the category and term for which each person was elected.

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