SENATE BILL NO. 98

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-185 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Longwood University's board of visitors.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 23-185 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

- § 23-185. Composition of board; appointment and terms of visitors generally; vacancies; confirmation.
 - A. The board shall consist of eleven13 members who shall be appointed by the Governor.
- B. The Governor shall appoint the eleven 13 appointive members of the board for terms of four years each. Members shall be eligible for service for two consecutive terms of four years, exclusive of that portion of any unexpired term. Successors to the members so appointed shall be appointed to serve for terms of four years each. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. By July 1, 1985, of Of the persons so appointed two shall be alumni of the University, and two may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth, the remaining number to be selected from the Commonwealth at large.
- C. All appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Members shall continue to hold office until their successors have been appointed and have qualified.
- D. Notwithstanding any provision of law prohibiting appointments of members of board of visitors, trustees, or similar designated officials of institutions of higher learning to more than two successive terms, or, to any provision of law establishing the term of office, and in order that no more than three scheduled vacancies occur in any year in the board of visitors of Longwood University, the Governor is empowered to (i) extend the term of two of the present incumbents whose terms expire June 30, 1974, and who would not otherwise be eligible for another term, by reappointment for a period of one year, and (ii) extend the term of three of the present incumbents whose terms expire June 30, 1976, by reappointment for a period of one year.
- 2. That the first additional board member shall be appointed by July 1, 2008, for a three-year term; the second additional board member shall be appointed by July 1, 2009, for a four-year term; and all successors to members so appointed shall be for terms of four years each.