

Date of Hearing: April 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
Patrick O'Donnell, Chair  
AB 1887 (Medina) – As Amended March 15, 2018

**[This bill was double referred to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was heard by that committee as it relates to issues under its jurisdiction.]**

**SUBJECT:** Public education governance: service on boards and commissions

**SUMMARY:**

- 1) Provides that any pupil attending a California public secondary school who is under the age of 18 years may serve on any school-related board or commission that includes members who are pupils or minors.
- 2) Provides that any student attending a campus of the California Community Colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC), or an independent institution of higher education who is exempt from paying nonresident tuition, as specified, may serve on any board or commission established that includes members who are students; and, makes technical changes to existing law.

**EXISTING LAW:** Provides that a person is incapable of holding a civil office if at the time of his or her election or appointment he or she is not 18 years of age and a citizen of the state Government Code §1020), but exempts the following from this prohibition:

- 1) A student appointed to serve on the State Board of Education (SBE), provided the student is enrolled in good standing in grade 12 in a public high school;
- 2) A student appointed to the state Instructional Quality Commission (IQC), provided the student has been enrolled in a California high school for a minimum of two consecutive years and is good standing; and
- 3) A student elected by other students to serve on the governing board of a school district, provided the student is enrolled in a high school of the district.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:** The GC 1020 prohibits any person who is not 18 years of age and a citizen of the state from holding a civil office. **This bill** establishes exceptions to that prohibition for specified high school pupils and students attending a community college, the California State University, and the University of California. The issues pertaining to post-secondary education were considered by the Assembly Committee on Education, which passed the bill on a 13-0 vote.

Regarding K-12, the Education Code already establishes exceptions to GC 1020 by allowing high school students in good standing to serve on the SBE, the IQC, and local school district governing boards. The age and residency requirements of the GC 1020 do not apply. However, the K-12 provisions of this bill would apply to any future boards or commissions on which high school students may serve.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Federation of Teachers

**Opposition**

None received

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