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**S 186. SENATE UNC BOG ELECTIONS.** Filed 2/17/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Sets the schedule for the nomination process for the eight seats to the UNC Board of Governors to be elected by the Senate. Provides that it is the duty of the Senate Committee on Education/Higher Education (Senate Committee) to choose nominees for each opening on the Board of Governors to which the Senate is to elect members. Provides that there are co-chairs for the Senate Committee. Directs that Senators must submit nominations to the Senate Committee during the week of March 2-6, 2009.

Sets forth the eligibility criteria for nominees and the guidelines for making a nomination. Requires each person who is formally nominated to file a completed North Carolina State Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest with the NC State Ethics Commission by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 6, 2009.

Directs the Senate Committee to screen candidates and to ensure that the slate of legally qualified candidates lists no more than twice the number of candidates for the total seats open. Specifies election procedure, including date (no later than March 31, 2009) and method to conduct runoffs and to break ties. Each Senator voting must vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled by that election, and ballots must be signed and made available for public inspection. Specifies that the duties of the co-chairs of the Senate Committee include responsibility for the canvassing of the vote, declaring the results, and providing notice to the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the names of the persons elected and the term for which each person was elected.

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