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UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT ACT

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Explanatory Note

Universities in the Province of British Columbia serve a key role in an economy that is increasingly driven by knowledge, information and ideas. Academic freedom is a fundamental tenant for a culture of learning to succeed and a key part of academic freedom is found in the right to participate in the university's governance.

This *Act* amends the *University Act* in two ways: it reduces the number of board members that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoints and it empowers the convocation of universities to elect their Chancellor.

The *Act* introduces a standard of autonomy for the governance of universities to ensure they are free from political interference in their internal operations.

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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

- 1 Section 11 of the University Amendment Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468, is amended**
 - (a) By repealing section 11(1) and substituting the following:**

11 (1) There must be a chancellor of each university, who is to be elected by the members of the convocation.
 - (b) In subsection (1.1) by striking out “appointed” and substituting “elected”**
 - (c) In subsection (2) by striking out “reappointment” and substituting “reelection”**
 - (d) In subsection (3) by striking out “appointed” and substituting “elected”**
- 2 Section 12 is amended**
 - (a) In subsection (2) by striking out “appointed” and substituting “elected”**
- 2 Section 19 is amended**
 - (a) In subsection (1) by striking out “15” and substituting “13”**
 - (b) In subsection (1) (a) by striking out “8” and substituting “6”**
 - (c) In subsection (2) by striking out “21” and substituting “19”**
 - (d) In subsection 2 (e) by striking out “11” and substituting “9”**