

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1692

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5 By: Representatives Bolin, Dees, Rankin, J. Taylor
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF VISITORS FOR
11 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF
16 VISITORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
17 AT MONTICELLO.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-302 is amended to read as follows:
23 6-64-302. Monticello - Establishment - Board of visitors.

24 (a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is authorized
25 to establish and operate, as a part thereof, a campus to be known as the
26 "University of Arkansas at Monticello", consolidating and incorporating
27 therein the state institution formerly known as Arkansas Agricultural and
28 Mechanical College, which, together with its board of trustees, was abolished
29 as a separate institution with responsibility transferred to the control of
30 the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas as a part of the
31 University of Arkansas effective July 1, 1971.

32 (b)(1)(A) There is established the Board of Visitors for the
33 University of Arkansas at Monticello, which shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ eleven
34 (11) members appointed by the Governor.

35 (B) The Governor shall make appointments from a list of no
36 less than twenty (20) names jointly prepared by the members of the House of



1 Representatives representing the eight, ninth, tenth and twelfth House
2 Districts and the Senator representing the twenty-fourth (24) Senate
3 District.

4 (2) The Governor shall ~~endeavor to~~ make appointments to the
5 initial board of visitors, and thereafter as terms expire and vacancies occur
6 for any reason, so that at least ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) members of the board will
7 be alumni of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, two (2) members from
8 Forest Echoes Technical Institute Board, and two (2) from Great Rivers
9 Technical Institute Board ~~two (2) members represent the state at large, and~~
10 ~~seven (7) members~~ the eleven (11) members shall represent the following
11 counties: ~~Drew,~~ Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew and Lincoln,
12 with no more than two (2) members representing any one (1) county.

13 (c)(1)(A) Appointments shall be bipartisan and be for terms of three
14 (3) years.

15 (B) After the expiration of the terms of the members
16 initially appointed under (b)(1)(B), the members appointed in 2006 shall draw
17 lots for staggered terms with the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2007,
18 the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2008 and the terms of three (3)
19 members expiring in 2009.

20 (C) Appointments after 2006 shall be for terms of three
21 (3) years.

22 (2) Members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms but
23 shall otherwise be eligible for reappointment to the board.

24 (3) When there is a vacancy in an unexpired term, the appointee
25 shall serve for the remaining portion of the term.

26 (d) The general purposes of the board of visitors shall be to:

27 (1) Perform a liaison function between the University of
28 Arkansas at Monticello and the President and the Board of Trustees of the
29 University of Arkansas;

30 (2) Aid in securing financial support;

31 (3) Advise upon and interpret the educational and service needs
32 of the State of Arkansas as they relate to the mission and programs of the
33 University of Arkansas at Monticello;

34 (4) Aid in the continuing development of the University of
35 Arkansas at Monticello as a major four-year campus of the University of
36 Arkansas; and

1 (5) Furnish counsel and guidance, by advice and recommendations,
2 for the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

3 (e) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall maintain
4 and operate the campus at Monticello as a major four-year campus of the
5 University of Arkansas, offering at that location the highest possible
6 quality of high educational programs, and shall provide for the sound growth
7 and improvement of the quality of the academic programs.

8 (f)(1) The terms of all members serving on the Board of Visitors for
9 the University of Arkansas at Monticello on the day before the effective date
10 of this subsection (f) shall expire at midnight on the effective date of this
11 subsection (f), and new members shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees
12 of the University of Arkansas.

13 (2) Members serving on the board prior to the effective date of
14 this subsection (f) may be reappointed, if they are named on the list
15 presented to the governor.

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