

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1692

5 By: Representatives Bolin, Dees, Rankin, J. Taylor
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

35 (2)(A) First, the Governor shall make seven (7) appointments
36 from a list of no less than twenty (20) names jointly prepared by the members



1 of the House of Representatives representing the eighth, ninth, tenth, and
 2 twelfth house districts, and the senator representing the twenty-fourth
 3 senate district.

4 (B) The seven (7) appointments shall include one (1) each
 5 from Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew and Lincoln counties.

6 (3)(A) Second, the Governor shall appoint two (2) members from:

7 (i) The Board of Directors of Forest Echoes
 8 Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003 shall be known as University of
 9 Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-Crossett; and

10 (ii) The Board of Directors of Great Rivers
 11 Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003 shall be known as University of
 12 Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-McGehee.

13 (B) The Board of Directors of Forest Echoes Technical
 14 Institute, which after July 1, 2003 shall be known as University of Arkansas
 15 at Monticello College of Technology-Crossett, and Great Rivers Technical
 16 Institute, which after July 1, 2003 shall be known as University of Arkansas
 17 at Monticello College of Technology-McGehee, shall be appointed by the Board
 18 of Trustees of University of Arkansas.

19 ~~(2) The Governor shall endeavor to make appointments to the~~
 20 ~~initial board of visitors, and thereafter as terms expire and vacancies occur~~
 21 ~~for any reason, so that at least five (5) members of the board will be alumni~~
 22 ~~of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, two (2) members represent the~~
 23 ~~state at large, and seven (7) members represent the following counties:~~
 24 ~~Drew, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, and Lincoln.~~

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

27 (B) The Governor shall make appointments to the initial
 28 board of visitors, and thereafter as terms expire and vacancies occur for any
 29 reason, so that at least seven (7) members of the board will be alumni of the
 30 University of Arkansas at Monticello.

31 (C) After the expiration of the terms of the members
 32 initially appointed under (b)(1)(B), the members appointed in 2006 shall draw
 33 lots for staggered terms with the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2007,
 34 the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2008, and the terms of three (3)
 35 members expiring in 2009.

36 (D) Appointments after 2006 shall be for terms of three

1 (3) years.

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

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

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

7 (1) Perform a liaison function between the University of
8 Arkansas at Monticello and the President and the Board of Trustees of the
9 University of Arkansas;

10 (2) Aid in securing financial support;

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

14 (4) Aid in the continuing development of the University of
15 Arkansas at Monticello as a major four-year campus of the University of
16 Arkansas; and

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

19 (e) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall maintain
20 and operate the campus at Monticello as a major four-year campus of the
21 University of Arkansas, offering at that location the highest possible
22 quality of high educational programs, and shall provide for the sound growth
23 *and improvement of the quality of the academic programs, and shall expand its*
24 *mission to include technical education at Forest Echoes Technical Institute,*
25 *which after July 1, 2003 shall be known as University of Arkansas at*
26 *Monticello College of Technology-Crossett, and Great Rivers Technical*
27 *Institute, which after July 1, 2003 shall be known as University of Arkansas*
28 *at Monticello College of Technology-McGehee.*

29 (f)(1) The terms of all members serving on the Board of Visitors for
30 the University of Arkansas at Monticello on the day before the effective date
31 of this subsection (f) shall expire at midnight on the effective date of this
32 subsection (f), and new members shall be appointed by the the Governor.

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

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/s/ Bolin, et al