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5 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE *UNIVERSITY OF*
9 *ARKANSAS, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE*; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 *TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE*
14 *UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, DIVISION OF*
15 *AGRICULTURE.*
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 7 is amended*
22 *to read as follows:*

23 *Subchapter 7 – ~~Agricultural Experiment Stations~~ University of Arkansas,*
24 *Division of Agriculture*
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26 *6-64-701. Acceptance of federal aid.*

27 *The assent of the General Assembly is given ~~to:~~*

28 *(1) For the purpose of the grants made in 7 U.S.C. § 361a et*
29 *seq., and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is authorized*
30 *and empowered to may accept any sums coming to the State of Arkansas under*
31 *that federal act and to apply them for the benefit of the ~~Main Agricultural~~*
32 *Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture in*
33 *accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in the Act of Congress*
34 *referred to above;*

35 *(2) To the provisions and requirements of an Act of Congress*
36 *entitled "An act to provide for cooperative agricultural extension work*



1 between the agricultural colleges in the several states," known as the Smith-
2 Lever Act, 7 U.S.C. § 341 et seq., the Board of Trustees of the University of
3 Arkansas may receive any sums coming to the State of Arkansas under that
4 federal act, and apply them for the benefit of the division in accordance
5 with the terms and conditions expressed in the Act of Congress referred to
6 above; and

7 (3) To the provisions and requirements of the federal Act of
8 October 10, 1962, popularly known as the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative
9 Forestry Research Program, 16 U.S.C. § 582a, et seq., the Board of Trustees
10 of the University of Arkansas may receive any sums coming to the State of
11 Arkansas under that federal act, and apply them for the benefit of the
12 forestry program established by the division in accordance with the terms and
13 conditions expressed in the Act of Congress referred to above.

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15 ~~6-64-702. Course of study.~~

16 ~~The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall establish a~~
17 ~~course of study in connection with the Main Agricultural Experiment Station~~
18 ~~of the University of Arkansas for the students who desire to be instructed in~~
19 ~~practical agriculture, horticulture, entomology, veterinary, and related~~
20 ~~subjects, in order that these branches of education may be developed as~~
21 ~~rapidly as possible and be diffused among those involved in agriculture.~~

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23 ~~6-64-703. Investigations and recommendations by director.~~

24 ~~(a) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
25 ~~University of Arkansas shall make investigations in all sections of the state~~
26 ~~upon the subjects of agriculture, horticulture, veterinary, entomology, and~~
27 ~~related subjects and shall examine and advise remedies for diseased or~~
28 ~~infected crops, the proper care of cultivated lands, including how to restore~~
29 ~~wastelands, care of timber, care and treatment of orchards, and all matters~~
30 ~~relating to horticulture and agriculture.~~

31 ~~(b) The director shall publish bulletins covering all investigations~~
32 ~~made and results obtained under the provisions of subsection (a) of this~~
33 ~~section and in connection with reports made from the station for~~
34 ~~dissemination throughout the state.~~

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36 ~~6-64-704. Investigation and classification of soils.~~

1 ~~(a) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
2 ~~University of Arkansas is authorized to expend such sums as may be provided~~
3 ~~and necessary for the purpose of conducting a scientific investigation of the~~
4 ~~soils of the counties of the State of Arkansas, classifying and locating the~~
5 ~~different soils, surveying and mapping such soils, describing, analyzing, and~~
6 ~~examining the soils and otherwise locating the various types and kinds of~~
7 ~~soil in the counties of this state and ascertaining their constituent~~
8 ~~elements of plant food, their plant food deficiencies, and any other~~
9 ~~information regarding the soils which will be helpful to the agricultural~~
10 ~~interest of the state and printing, publishing, and distributing reports and~~
11 ~~soil maps of the areas surveyed. This work may be conducted in cooperation~~
12 ~~with the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of~~
13 ~~Agriculture and with the several counties of the State of Arkansas.~~

14 ~~(b) The director is authorized to employ competent assistants and soil~~
15 ~~surveyors to make surveys, to fix their compensation, to purchase necessary~~
16 ~~supplies and equipment, to pay travel and such other expenses as may be~~
17 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including cost of~~
18 ~~printing, publishing, and distributing reports of the soil surveys.~~

19 ~~(c) The county courts and tax levying boards are authorized and~~
20 ~~empowered to make appropriations out of the general revenue fund of the~~
21 ~~county for the purpose of cooperating with the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
22 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas in carrying out the provisions of this~~
23 ~~section.~~

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25 ~~6-64-705. Main Agricultural Experiment Station — Branch stations~~
26 ~~generally.~~

27 ~~(a) The experiment station located at the University of Arkansas shall~~
28 ~~remain at that point as a permanent institution.~~

29 ~~(b) It shall be known as the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of~~
30 ~~the University of Arkansas and shall continue as heretofore.~~

31 ~~(c) All other agricultural experiment stations which may be established~~
32 ~~by this subchapter shall be considered as branch stations.~~

33 ~~(d) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
34 ~~University of Arkansas shall establish and maintain such branch stations as~~
35 ~~the circumstances may require and as allowed by appropriations, provided~~
36 ~~there is one (1) established in southern Arkansas, one (1) in eastern~~

1 ~~Arkansas, and one (1) in central western Arkansas, at locations where the~~
2 ~~best advantages are offered to accomplish the most good.~~

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4 ~~6-64-706. Central Branch Station.~~

5 ~~(a) There is created and established by the State of Arkansas an~~
6 ~~agricultural station and model farm combined in central Arkansas, to be~~
7 ~~located as provided in subsection (j) of this section and to be known as the~~
8 ~~Central Branch Station of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
9 ~~University of Arkansas.~~

10 ~~(b) The scope and work of the institution shall be to:~~

11 ~~(1) Conduct scientific experiments in the several branches of~~
12 ~~agriculture;~~

13 ~~(2) Breed and distribute at reasonable prices pure bred livestock~~
14 ~~and pure seed of high yielding strains of the staple field crops of the state~~
15 ~~with a view to further development of the agricultural industry of the state;~~

16 ~~(3) Disseminate through bulletins and reports the results of~~
17 ~~experiments made at the station;~~

18 ~~(4) Lay out and conduct a model farm of not less than forty (40)~~
19 ~~acres nor more than eighty (80) acres; and~~

20 ~~(5) Furnish the farmers and planters of the state such~~
21 ~~information relative to the various plants and animals of the state as may be~~
22 ~~available to the assistant director.~~

23 ~~(c) The branch station and the work and experiments conducted therein~~
24 ~~and thereon shall be under the direction of the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
25 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

26 ~~(d)(1) An assistant director shall be placed in charge of the Central~~
27 ~~Branch Station.~~

28 ~~(2) The assistant director shall reside on or in close proximity~~
29 ~~to the Central Branch Station and shall be learned and skilled in scientific~~
30 ~~and practical agriculture and acquainted with the farm conditions of the~~
31 ~~state, so far as possible.~~

32 ~~(e)(1) In addition to his or her other duties, the assistant director~~
33 ~~in charge shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of~~
34 ~~the branch station, a report of which, together with all other matters~~
35 ~~pertaining to the branch station, shall be made by him or her annually to the~~
36 ~~Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

1 ~~(2) A complete report of the branch station shall be made by the~~
2 ~~board to the Governor at least thirty (30) days before the meeting of each~~
3 ~~General Assembly.~~

4 ~~(f) The assistant director shall perform such other duties as may be~~
5 ~~directed by the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of~~
6 ~~Arkansas.~~

7 ~~(g) The assistant director shall have such assistance and labor~~
8 ~~furnished him or her as may be necessary to properly carry on the work of the~~
9 ~~institution.~~

10 ~~(h)(1) The employees of the Central Branch Station shall be elected or~~
11 ~~appointed by the same authority as those of the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
12 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas and shall receive such compensation as~~
13 ~~may be fixed by the same authority.~~

14 ~~(2) Salaries of employees and running expenses of Central Branch~~
15 ~~Station shall be paid out of funds provided therefore.~~

16 ~~(i)(1) For the purpose of this section, a commission of seven (7)~~
17 ~~members is created.~~

18 ~~(2) The commission shall be composed of the Governor, the~~
19 ~~Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of~~
20 ~~Arkansas, the assistant director who is appointed for the Central Branch~~
21 ~~Station, and four (4) farmers and planters of the state, who shall be~~
22 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

23 ~~(3) A secretary shall be elected by the commission from its own~~
24 ~~body.~~

25 ~~(j)(1) It shall be the duty of the commission to decide upon the~~
26 ~~location of the Central Branch Station at some suitable, convenient, and~~
27 ~~accessible point in central Arkansas.~~

28 ~~(2) In locating the Central Branch Station, the commission~~
29 ~~provided for in this section is authorized to accept donations of land,~~
30 ~~lumber, timber, implements, money, notes, other obligations, or any property~~
31 ~~which may be of use in establishing the Central Branch Station.~~

32 ~~(3) The location shall be on a tract of not less than three~~
33 ~~hundred sixty (360) acres of tillable land of at least average fertility.~~

34 ~~(4) The commission shall take a ten-year option on not less than~~
35 ~~six hundred forty (640) acres of adjoining land so that this adjoining land~~
36 ~~may later be purchased if found necessary.~~

1 ~~(5) The location shall be within walking distance of a railroad~~
2 ~~station on some trunk line.~~

3 ~~(k)(1) As soon as convenient after acquiring the property, there shall~~
4 ~~be erected thereon necessary buildings, outhouses, etc., and the Central~~
5 ~~Branch Station shall be properly supplied with tools, apparatus, stock, and~~
6 ~~other equipment necessary to successfully carry on the work of the Central~~
7 ~~Branch Station.~~

8 ~~(2) For the details of buildings and equipment, the assistant~~
9 ~~director shall be primarily responsible, but he or she shall be directed by~~
10 ~~the commission and shall be responsible to the commission.~~

11 ~~(l) The expenditures for all purposes shall not exceed the amount of~~
12 ~~the appropriation hereinafter provided to carry into effect this section.~~

13 ~~(m) The members of the commission shall serve without special~~
14 ~~compensation but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-~~
15 ~~16-901 et seq.~~

16 ~~(n) All expense accounts are to be kept in itemized form and certified~~
17 ~~to by the Governor, who shall be the chair of the commission.~~

18 ~~(o) The duties and authority of the commission shall terminate upon the~~
19 ~~completion of the establishment and proper equipment of the institution,~~
20 ~~after which time the board shall assume the same control of the Central~~
21 ~~Branch Station as they have over the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of~~
22 ~~the University of Arkansas.~~

23 ~~(p)(1) The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated out~~
24 ~~of the funds of the State Treasury to carry this section into effect.~~

25 ~~(2)(A) Not more than four-fifths (4/5) of this sum shall be~~
26 ~~expended by the commission created by this section in purchasing and~~
27 ~~optioning the necessary real estate, the erection of buildings, and in~~
28 ~~equipping the Central Branch Station.~~

29 ~~(B)(i) No bills or accounts contracted or incurred shall be~~
30 ~~allowed or paid except upon the written order of the secretary of the~~
31 ~~commission directing the Auditor of State to draw his or her warrant on the~~
32 ~~Treasurer of State in favor of the person, firm, or corporation named in the~~
33 ~~order.~~

34 ~~(ii) No such order is to be given by the secretary~~
35 ~~until all liens of whatever kind or character against the property involved~~
36 ~~shall have been first released or satisfied by the person holding the lien.~~

1 ~~(3)(A) The remainder of the appropriation, the proceeds of the~~
2 ~~sales of the products of the Central Branch Station, and any other available~~
3 ~~funds which may be set apart by the board for the support of the Central~~
4 ~~Branch Station shall be expended in the same manner and through the same~~
5 ~~channels as other moneys expended for the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
6 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

7 ~~(B) However, for the payment of small current accounts and~~
8 ~~bills, the trustees may provide a cash contingent fund from sales and any~~
9 ~~other moneys that may be available, to be paid out by the assistant director~~
10 ~~by check drawn against proper vouchers, under the general direction of the~~
11 ~~trustees. The assistant director shall keep an accurate record of all such~~
12 ~~vouchers and checks and shall account to the trustees for them.~~

13
14 ~~6-64-707.—Rice Branch Experiment Station.~~

15 ~~(a) For the purpose of enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
16 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas to more fully carry out the purposes of~~
17 ~~the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, to~~
18 ~~increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and~~
19 ~~experimental work of the state, and to increase the facilities of the Main~~
20 ~~Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for its work in~~
21 ~~agriculture and horticulture, crops, soil, fertilizers, livestock, dairying,~~
22 ~~poultry production, and the insect enemies and plant and animal diseases~~
23 ~~injurious to the crops and livestock of the state, and the economic problem~~
24 ~~of farm management and marketing and the related problems of the farms of~~
25 ~~this state, and to make the results of the work available to all parts of the~~
26 ~~state, there is created a Rice Branch Experiment Station to be located at a~~
27 ~~point at or near the center of rice production.~~

28 ~~(b) The Rice Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils fairly~~
29 ~~representative of the soils in which rice is grown in the state and shall be~~
30 ~~devoted to investigational work relative to the problems of rice farmers,~~
31 ~~including rice production, rice varieties, soils, and soil management,~~
32 ~~irrigation, rotation, other crops for the rice farmer, livestock and poultry~~
33 ~~for the rice region, and the fruits and truck crops adapted to such system of~~
34 ~~farming together with the economic problems of the farmers of that section.~~

35 ~~(c) It shall consist of not over three hundred twenty (320) acres of~~
36 ~~land.~~

1 ~~(d) When selected, established, and equipped, the Rice Branch~~
2 ~~Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas~~
3 ~~for the use and purposes set forth in this section and shall be under the~~
4 ~~administrative charge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

5 ~~(e)(1) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
6 ~~University of Arkansas shall also be the Director of the Rice Branch~~
7 ~~Experiment Station, but there may be a superintendent at the station who~~
8 ~~shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main Agricultural~~
9 ~~Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

10 ~~(2) The staff of scientists and the laboratories of the Main~~
11 ~~Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall serve,~~
12 ~~insofar as possible, the same purpose as the Rice Branch Experiment Station.~~

13 ~~(3) The entire experimental work of the state shall be~~
14 ~~administered as one (1) institution for the benefit of the people of the~~
15 ~~state, including the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University~~
16 ~~of Arkansas, the Rice Branch Experiment Station, and the outlying field work~~
17 ~~in cooperation with farmers.~~

18 ~~(f)(1) The Rice Branch Experiment Station shall be used by the board~~
19 ~~for the purpose of making investigations in and experiments of rice culture,~~
20 ~~and related subjects connected with the problems of the farmers and rice~~
21 ~~growers of the State of Arkansas, including crop production, animal~~
22 ~~production and breeding, plant breeding, soil and soil fertility, insect~~
23 ~~pests, diseases of plants and animals and methods of their control or~~
24 ~~eradication, farm management, marketing, storage, preservation of farm~~
25 ~~products, and all other problems affecting the farms and farm life of the~~
26 ~~rice-producing section of Arkansas.~~

27 ~~(2) The director shall publish bulletins and reports from time to~~
28 ~~time giving the results of the work of the Rice Branch Experiment Station and~~
29 ~~use every endeavor to disseminate the information secured.~~

30
31 ~~6-64-708. Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station.~~

32 ~~(a) For the purposes of enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
33 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas to more fully carry out the purpose of~~
34 ~~the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, to~~
35 ~~increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and~~
36 ~~experimental work of the state, to make the results of such work useful to~~

1 ~~the people of the state, to increase the facilities of the Main Agricultural~~
2 ~~Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for its work in agriculture~~
3 ~~and horticulture, crops, soils, fertilizers, livestock, dairying, poultry~~
4 ~~production, the insect enemies and plant and animal diseases injurious to the~~
5 ~~crops and livestock of the state, the economic problems of farm management~~
6 ~~and marketing and the related problems of farms of this state, and to make~~
7 ~~the results of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of~~
8 ~~Arkansas's work available to all parts of the state, there is created a Fruit~~
9 ~~and Truck Branch Experiment Station to be located in southwest Arkansas at a~~
10 ~~point at or near the center of fruit and truck production in that area.~~

11 ~~(b) The Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station shall be located on~~
12 ~~soils fairly representative of the soils on which the fruits and truck of the~~
13 ~~section are grown and shall be devoted to the investigational work relative~~
14 ~~to the problems of fruit and truck farmers, including fruit and truck~~
15 ~~production, varieties, soils and soil management, crop rotation, other crops~~
16 ~~for the fruit and truck farmers, livestock and poultry for the fruit and~~
17 ~~truck region, and any other crops adapted to such system of farming together~~
18 ~~with the economic problems of the farmers of that section.~~

19 ~~(c) It shall consist of not over three hundred twenty (320) acres of~~
20 ~~land.~~

21 ~~(d) When selected, established, and equipped, the Fruit and Truck~~
22 ~~Branch Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of~~
23 ~~Arkansas for the use and purposes set forth in this section and shall be~~
24 ~~under the administrative charge of the Board of Trustees of the University of~~
25 ~~Arkansas.~~

26 ~~(e)(1) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
27 ~~University of Arkansas shall also be the Director of the Fruit and Truck~~
28 ~~Branch Experiment Station, but there may be a superintendent at the Fruit and~~
29 ~~Truck Branch Experiment Station, who shall be directly responsible to the~~
30 ~~Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of~~
31 ~~Arkansas.~~

32 ~~(2) The staff of scientists and the laboratories of the Main~~
33 ~~Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall serve,~~
34 ~~insofar as possible, for the same purpose as to the Fruit and Truck Branch~~
35 ~~Experiment Station.~~

36 ~~(3) The entire experimental work of the state shall be~~

1 ~~administered as one (1) institution for the benefit of the people of the~~
2 ~~state, including the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University~~
3 ~~of Arkansas, the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station, and the outlying~~
4 ~~field work in cooperation with farmers.~~

5 ~~(f)(1) The Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station shall be used by~~
6 ~~the board for the purpose of making investigations in and experiments of~~
7 ~~fruit and truck culture, and related subjects connected with the problems of~~
8 ~~the farmers and fruit and truck growers of the State of Arkansas, including~~
9 ~~crop production, animal production and breeding, plant breeding, soils and~~
10 ~~soil fertility, insect pests, diseases of plants and animals and methods of~~
11 ~~their control or eradication, farm management, marketing, storage,~~
12 ~~preservation of farm products, and all other problems affecting the farms and~~
13 ~~farm life of that section of Arkansas.~~

14 ~~(2) The director shall publish bulletins and reports from time to~~
15 ~~time giving the results of the work of the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment~~
16 ~~Station and use every endeavor to disseminate the information secured.~~

17
18 ~~6-64-709.—Cotton Branch Experiment Station.~~

19 ~~(a) For the purpose of enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment~~
20 ~~Station of the University of Arkansas to more fully carry out the purpose of~~
21 ~~that Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, to~~
22 ~~increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and~~
23 ~~experiment work of the state, to make the results of such work useful to the~~
24 ~~people of the state, to increase the facilities of the Main Agricultural~~
25 ~~Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for its work in agriculture~~
26 ~~and horticulture, crops, soil, fertilizers, livestock, dairying, poultry~~
27 ~~production, insect enemies, and plant and animal diseases injurious to the~~
28 ~~crops and livestock of the state, the economic problems of farm management~~
29 ~~and marketing, and the related problems of the farms of this state, and to~~
30 ~~make the results of the work available to all parts of the state, there is~~
31 ~~created a Cotton Branch Experiment Station to be located at a point at or~~
32 ~~near the center of cotton production.~~

33 ~~(b) The Cotton Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils~~
34 ~~fairly representative of the soils on which cotton is grown in the state and~~
35 ~~shall be devoted to investigational work relative to the problems of cotton~~
36 ~~farmers, including cotton production, varieties, soils, and soil management,~~

1 ~~irrigation, rotation, other crops for the cotton farmer, livestock and~~
2 ~~poultry for the cotton region, and the fruits and truck crops adapted to such~~
3 ~~system of farming together with the economic problems of the farmers of that~~
4 ~~section.~~

5 ~~(e) It shall consist of not over three hundred twenty (320) acres of~~
6 ~~land.~~

7 ~~(d) When selected, established, and equipped, the Cotton Branch~~
8 ~~Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas~~
9 ~~for the use and purpose set forth in this section and shall be under the~~
10 ~~administrative charge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

11 ~~(e)(1) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~
12 ~~University of Arkansas also be the Director of the Cotton Branch Experiment~~
13 ~~Station, but there may be a superintendent at the Cotton Branch Experiment~~
14 ~~Station who shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main~~
15 ~~Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

16 ~~(2) The staff of scientists and the laboratories of the Main~~
17 ~~Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall serve,~~
18 ~~insofar as possible, for the same purpose as to the Cotton Branch Experiment~~
19 ~~Station.~~

20 ~~(3) The entire experimental work of the state shall be~~
21 ~~administered as one (1) institution for the benefit of the people of the~~
22 ~~state, including the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University~~
23 ~~of Arkansas, the Cotton Branch Experiment Station, and the outlying field~~
24 ~~work in cooperation with farmers.~~

25 ~~(f)(1) The Cotton Branch Experiment Station shall be used by the board~~
26 ~~for the purpose of making investigations in and experiments of cotton culture~~
27 ~~and related subjects connected with the problems of the farmers and the~~
28 ~~cotton growers of the State of Arkansas, including crop production, animal~~
29 ~~production and breeding, plant breeding, soils and soil fertility, insect~~
30 ~~pests, diseases of plants and animals and methods of their control or~~
31 ~~eradication, farm management, marketing, storage, preservation of farm~~
32 ~~products, and all other problems affecting the farms and farm life of that~~
33 ~~section of the State of Arkansas.~~

34 ~~(2) The director shall publish bulletins and reports from time to~~
35 ~~time giving the results of the work of the Cotton Branch Experiment Station~~
36 ~~and use every endeavor to disseminate the information secured.~~

~~6-64-710. — Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(a) For enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas to increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and experimental work of the state and to increase the facilities for that work, with particular reference to livestock and poultry, pasture development, horticulture, soil erosion, land use, and forestry in the Ozark region, there is created a Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station to be located in the north-northeastern part of the Ozark region.~~

~~(b) The Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils fairly representative of the soils on which livestock and forestry products are produced and shall be devoted to investigational work relative to the problems of the farmers producing such products, together with such supplementary crops as may be adaptable to the region, and the acreage of the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station shall be sufficient to study livestock, forestry, pastures, supplementary crops, and land use problems.~~

~~(c) When selected, established, and equipped, the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas for the use and purposes set forth in this section and shall be under the administration of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(d) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall also be the Director of the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station, but there may be an assistant director at the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station who shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~6-64-711. — Seed-testing laboratory.~~

~~(a) The University of Arkansas is authorized to establish a seed-testing laboratory at Fayetteville for the purpose of doing research work on seeds and for the instruction of students in seed testing.~~

~~(b)(1) The university is further authorized to test samples of seeds for Arkansas residents and to charge fees for testing such samples in an amount not exceeding the cost of the work.~~

1 ~~(2) The fees are to be deposited by the university in a bank and~~
2 ~~are to be expended by the university for the support of the laboratory.~~

3
4 ~~6-64-712. Bureau of Research and Statistics generally.~~

5 ~~(a) The Bureau of Research and Statistics is created to be under the~~
6 ~~supervision of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of~~
7 ~~Arkansas.~~

8 ~~(b)(1) The Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of~~
9 ~~Arkansas is authorized to appoint two (2) competent assistants.~~

10 ~~(2)(A) One (1) assistant shall be an efficient statistician who~~
11 ~~shall have had at least two (2) years' training in some college or university~~
12 ~~of recognized standing and who shall perform the work of gathering,~~
13 ~~compiling, and analyzing statistical data pertaining to the acreage,~~
14 ~~condition, yield, and production of crops, and numbers of various classes of~~
15 ~~livestock and farm values of each county in the state.~~

16 ~~(B) The other assistant is to be a person competent to~~
17 ~~assist in collecting, compiling, and analyzing the statistical information.~~

18 ~~(3) The assistants of the bureau shall take the oath of office~~
19 ~~prescribed by law before entering upon the discharge of their duties.~~

20 ~~(c) The cooperative crop and livestock reporting work of the Bureau of~~
21 ~~Research and Statistics shall be designated and known as the Federal State~~
22 ~~Crop Reporting Service for Arkansas, which name shall appear at the top of~~
23 ~~all letterheads used in answering correspondence and letters of inquiry~~
24 ~~pertaining to crops and livestock in Arkansas.~~

25
26 6-64-713. Authority to make a contract with United States Government.

27 ~~The Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas,~~
28 Division of Agriculture is authorized to may, with the consent of the Board
29 of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, enter into a contract with the
30 United States through the United States Secretary of Agriculture or any
31 authorized representative ~~by which the Bureau of Research and Statistics~~
32 ~~shall be the agency through which the experiment station division shall~~
33 ~~cooperate with the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States~~
34 ~~Department of Agriculture in the actual work of collecting, tabulating,~~
35 ~~interpreting, and disseminating statistical information concerning crops and~~
36 ~~livestock in Arkansas.~~

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2 6-64-714. Cooperation ~~of bureau~~ with federal agencies – Reporting by
3 state unaffected.

4 (a) ~~The Bureau of Research and Statistics~~ University of Arkansas,
5 Division of Agriculture shall collaborate with the representatives of the
6 ~~Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture~~
7 in the collection and tabulation of crop statistics.

8 (b) ~~However, nothing in Sections §§ 6-64-712 6-64-713 – 6-64-715 shall~~
9 not prevent the State of Arkansas from collecting and publishing statistics
10 concerning crops and livestock not reported by the ~~Agricultural Marketing~~
11 Service United States Department of Agriculture.

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13 6-64-715. Use of material and information in publications.

14 ~~The Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas,~~
15 Division of Agriculture is authorized to may use this material and
16 information ~~obtained through the Bureau of Research and Statistics in~~
17 preparing, and disseminating research and information together with its
18 assistants, publications on crops, livestock, and farm values concerning
19 food, fiber, feed, agri-business, bioenergy, and related law issues.

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21 6-64-716. Division of Agriculture.

22 (a)(1) The University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, a state-
23 supported institution of higher education, includes the Arkansas Agricultural
24 Experiment Station and the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

25 (2) The mission of the division is to provide research and
26 extension on all aspects of agriculture, food, youth, families, and
27 communities.

28 (3) The division is encouraged to cooperate with:

29 (A) The United States Department of Agriculture as a
30 specially designated land grant institution of higher education;

31 (B) Other federal, state, and international agencies;

32 (C) Communities and school districts in the state; and

33 (D) Rural, urban, and agricultural stakeholders throughout
34 the state.

35 (4) Any federal, state, county, or municipal funds appropriated
36 to the division shall be used for the promotion of research and extension as

1 allowed under this subchapter and not for any other purpose.

2 (b) The purpose of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station is to
3 develop and advance scientific knowledge through basic and applied research
4 regarding:

5 (1) Food;

6 (2) Fiber;

7 (3) Feed;

8 (4) Agribusiness;

9 (5) Bioenergy issues; and

10 (6) Other programmatic areas that are established by the
11 division.

12 (c) The purpose of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is to
13 advance and disseminate scientific knowledge regarding:

14 (1) Agriculture;

15 (2) The environment;

16 (3) Human health and well-being;

17 (4) Communities; and

18 (5) Other programmatic areas that are established by the
19 division.

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21 6-64-717. Research and extension offices, facilities, centers, and
22 stations.

23 (a) The University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, with the
24 approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, may
25 establish and maintain:

26 (1) Research and extension offices, facilities, centers, and
27 stations throughout the state to better serve its stakeholders; and

28 (2) Testing and diagnostic centers concerning animals, plants,
29 food, soil, water, air, and agricultural inputs.

30 (b) The division, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the
31 University of Arkansas, shall establish the name of an office, facility,
32 center, or station established under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

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34 /s/Vaught

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