State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: S3/4/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 818 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 511 4 5 By: Senator Gordon 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COUNTY SALES AND USE 9 TAXES MAY BE DEDICATED TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL 10 IMPROVEMENTS OR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY 11 12 COLLEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. " 13 Subtitle 14 "TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COUNTY SALES AND 15 USE TAXES MAY BE DEDICATED TO BE USED 16 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR MAINTENANCE 17 AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES." 18 19 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 21 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-53-307 is amended to read as follows: 23 24 "§ 6-53-307. County support of technical colleges. (a)(1) Any county quorum court may designate all or any portion of any 25 undedicated county sales or use tax to be used for capital improvements to, or 26 the maintenance and operation of, any technical college, two year college, or 27 28 community college or satellite campus of a community college. 29 (2) When the quorum court calls an election on the issue of the levy of any county sales or use tax, it may also cause to be placed on the 30 31 ballot the issue of dedicating all or a portion of the tax for capital improvements to, or the maintenance and operation of, any technical college, 32 community college, two year college or satellite campus of a community 33 college. 34 (b)(1) In the alternative, the quorum court may refer to a vote of the 35 people at any general or special election the issue of dedicating all or a 36

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portion of any undedicated county sales or use tax to any technical college.

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college to be used for capital improvements to, or the maintenance and

operation of, the technical college, community college, two year college, or

satellite campus of a community college.

- (2) If the voters dedicate all or a portion of the tax, it shall remain so dedicated until the voters decide otherwise.
- (c) If a technical college, community college, two year college, or satellite campus of a community college for which a tax is dedicated or levied under this section thereafter becomes a branch of an existing institution of higher education, the tax dedicated or levied under this section shall continue to be dedicated and levied for the use and benefit of the branch, unless reduced or repealed as authorized under this section.
- (d) A county sales or use tax dedicated or levied under this section may also be dedicated or levied in part for capital improvements to, or the maintenance and operation of, any public institution of higher education located in the county."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

31 /s/ Gordon

34 APPROVED: 3/23/1999