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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BOARD OF

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VISITORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

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AND THE BOARD OF VISITORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF

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ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF; TO ABOLISH CERTAIN BOARDS,

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COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES;

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VARIOUS

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BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND

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OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES; AND TO ABOLISH

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CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES,

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OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES.

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

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26 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-302 is amended to read as follows:*

27 *6-64-302. Monticello – Establishment – Board of Visitors.*

28 *(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is authorized*

29 *to establish and operate, as a part thereof, a campus to be known as the*

30 *University of Arkansas at Monticello, consolidating and incorporating therein*

31 *the state institution formerly known as Arkansas Agricultural and Mechanical*

32 *College, which, together with its board of trustees, was abolished as a*

33 *separate institution with responsibility transferred to the control of the*

34 *Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas as a part of the University*

35 *of Arkansas effective July 1, 1971.*

36 ~~*(b)(1) There is established the Board of Visitors for the University*~~



1 ~~of Arkansas at Monticello, which shall consist of twelve (12) members~~
2 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

3 ~~(2)(A) First, the Governor shall make seven (7) appointments~~
4 ~~from a list of no fewer than twenty (20) names jointly prepared by the~~
5 ~~members of the House of Representatives representing the eighth, ninth,~~
6 ~~tenth, and twelfth house districts and the Senator representing the twenty-~~
7 ~~fourth senate district.~~

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

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

11 ~~(i) The Board of Directors of Forest Echoes~~
12 ~~Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003, shall be known as the~~
13 ~~University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology Grossett; and~~

14 ~~(ii) The Board of Directors of Great Rivers~~
15 ~~Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003, shall be known as the~~
16 ~~University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology McGehee.~~

17 ~~(B) The Board of Directors of Forest Echoes Technical~~
18 ~~Institute, which after July 1, 2003, shall be known as the University of~~
19 ~~Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology Grossett, and Great Rivers~~
20 ~~Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003, shall be known as the~~
21 ~~University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology McGehee, shall be~~
22 ~~appointed by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

23 ~~(4) The remaining member of the board of visitors shall be~~
24 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

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 of visitors will be~~
30 ~~alumni of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.~~

31 ~~(C) After the expiration of the terms of the members~~
32 ~~initially appointed under subsection (b) of this section, the members~~
33 ~~appointed by the Governor in 2006 shall draw lots for staggered terms with~~
34 ~~the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2007, the terms of four (4) members~~
35 ~~expiring in 2008, and the terms of four (4) 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 of visitors.~~

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)(b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall~~
20 ~~maintain and operate the campus at Monticello as a major four-year campus of~~
21 ~~the University of Arkansas, offering at that location the highest possible~~
22 ~~quality of high educational programs, shall provide for the sound growth and~~
23 ~~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 the 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 the University of~~
28 ~~Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-McGehee.~~

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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-64-304 is repealed.

31 ~~6-64-304. Pine Bluff Board of Visitors.~~

32 ~~(a) The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical, and~~
33 ~~Normal College shall be reconstituted as the Board of Visitors for the~~
34 ~~University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.~~

35 ~~(b)(1) As terms expire, and where vacancies occur for any reason, the~~
36 ~~Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the~~

1 ~~successor.~~

2 ~~(2) The Governor shall endeavor to make appointments to the~~
3 ~~board of visitors so that at least four (4) of the seven (7) members of the~~
4 ~~board will be alumni of Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College~~
5 ~~or the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.~~

6 ~~(3) [Repealed.]~~

7 ~~(e) Appointments shall be for terms of seven (7) years each except~~
8 ~~where there is an unexpired term, which shall be filled for the remaining~~
9 ~~portion of the term.~~

10 ~~(d) The general purpose of the board of visitors shall be to:~~

11 ~~(1) Perform a liaison function between the University of~~
12 ~~Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the President and the Board of Trustees of the~~
13 ~~University of Arkansas;~~

14 ~~(2) Aid in securing financial support;~~

15 ~~(3) Advise upon and interpret the educational and service needs~~
16 ~~of the State of Arkansas as they relate to the mission and programs of the~~
17 ~~University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff;~~

18 ~~(4) Aid in the orderly transition of Arkansas Agricultural,~~
19 ~~Mechanical, and Normal College as it becomes a major campus of the University~~
20 ~~of Arkansas; and~~

21 ~~(5) Furnish counsel and guidance, by advice and recommendations,~~
22 ~~for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.~~

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24 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 25-1-302(24), concerning members of*
25 *specified executive branch boards and commissions not to be members of the*
26 *General Assembly, is repealed.*

27 ~~(24) Board of Visitors for the University of Arkansas at Pine~~
28 ~~Bluff, § 6-64-304;~~

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/s/Maddox

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