

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 957

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the SENATE

and

McCORKELL of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,  
SECTIONS 3201, 3213, 4601, 4604 AND 4427, WHICH  
RELATE TO THE INSTITUTIONS COMPRISING THE OKLAHOMA  
STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE ARDMORE  
HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, THE McCURTAIN COUNTY  
HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND UNIVERSITY CENTER AT  
TULSA; # # # PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill  
and insert

"( SCHOOLS - AMENDING 7 SECTIONS IN TITLE 70 -  
THE OKLAHOMA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION -  
CODIFICATION - EFFECTIVE DATE -  
EMERGENCY )

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3201, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 3201. The following state educational institutions  
shall be members of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education:

University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Langston University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Murray State College, Connors State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, Cameron University, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, University of Central Oklahoma, East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Carl Albert State College, Redlands Community College, Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma City Community College, Rogers State College, Rose State College, Seminole Junior College, Tulsa Junior College, University Center at Tulsa, and Western Oklahoma State College.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4601, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4601. A. ~~The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are hereby authorized and directed to establish a~~ university center ~~to make additional~~ located at Tulsa which is known as "University Center at Tulsa" and which is presently designated as "University Center at Tulsa" shall be a full member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The Board of Trustees of the center shall continue to make programs of public higher education available to citizens in the Tulsa metropolitan area. The center, ~~to be known as University Center at Tulsa,~~ shall draw upon the educational resources of existing colleges and universities to provide the kind of courses and programs needed. Notwithstanding the center's institutional status, the center shall not establish an independent faculty, shall not provide courses and programs under its own aegis and shall not award through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education its own degrees. The State Regents shall, pursuant to Article XIII-A of the Constitution of Oklahoma, establish standards of education to assure that credits earned will

be fully transferable between and among institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

B. In regard to courses and programs of study, the Board of Trustees of the center is empowered to:

1. Determine the upper division and graduate education needs of the Tulsa metropolitan area;

2. Negotiate agreements with institutions for courses and programs of study approved by the State Regents; and

3. Recommend courses and programs at the third and fourth years of undergraduate study leading toward completion of the bachelor's degree and programs of graduate study leading toward the master's degree to be offered by the participating institutions.

Courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level shall not duplicate those offered by Tulsa Junior College.

C. The Board of Trustees of the center shall prepare an annual budget which shall include the costs of administering and operating the center and which shall cover the amounts paid by it to the institutions with whom agreements are entered into pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section. The Board of Trustees for the center shall establish the usual and customary accounts established by other higher education institutions within the Office of State Finance necessary to carry out its duties.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4604, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4604. A. There is hereby created a board of trustees to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate ~~to act as the administrative agency for the University Center at Tulsa.~~ Such ~~board~~ Board shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and use an official seal. ~~The board so created shall have the authority to submit a budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, administer monies budgeted by the State~~

~~Regents, negotiate agreements with institutions for courses and programs of study approved by the State Regents, provide educational facilities, recommend courses and programs to be offered by participating institutions, select a chief executive officer whose duties include the general coordination of approved programs and services and the selection of other appropriate nonteaching personnel. The board of trustees is authorized to expend all monies allocated to the University Center at Tulsa as may be necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the board by this section and Section 4603 of this title. For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real and personal property from sources other than state appropriations, the board is authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to such actions.~~

B. The ~~board~~ Board shall consist of ten (10) voting members, ~~no fewer than five of whom shall reside in the City of Tulsa.~~ The regular term of each member shall be nine (9) years, except that the initial nine (9) members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:

Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1986, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1987, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1988, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1989, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1990, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1991, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1992, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

The tenth member shall be appointed to Position No. 10, the term of office of which shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1996, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

The ~~board~~ Board shall ~~organize and~~ elect a ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair and secretary annually ~~by fiscal year,~~ each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform such duties as the Board directs. The Board shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4607 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each member of the Board of Trustees of University Center at Tulsa shall take and subscribe to oaths required of state officials generally.

B. Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses, as may be approved by the Board, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4608 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Subject to Section 2 of this act the Board of Trustees of University Center at Tulsa shall have the supervision, management and control of University Center at Tulsa and shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to govern University Center at Tulsa;

2. Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such personnel as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys, engineers and other professional and technical persons for its operation and for the operation of University Center at Tulsa. Any of such personnel having custody of public funds or other public property may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in such amounts as may be deemed necessary by the Board, payable to the State of Oklahoma and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of all such funds and property;

3. Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials and equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make its powers effective;

4. Authorize officials at University Center at Tulsa to act in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in carrying out the powers conferred upon it;

5. Receive and make disposition of monies, grants and property from federal agencies, and administer the same in accordance with federal requirements;

6. Accept gifts of real and personal property, money and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents of University Center at Tulsa and any directions of the donors or grantors thereof;

7. Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or received from any other source by University Center at Tulsa;

8. Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its name, on behalf of University Center at Tulsa, and convey, exchange or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control, such property in the interest of such institution, including the granting of leases, permits, easements and licenses over or upon any such real property. The Board shall have custody of abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or title to real property belonging to University Center at Tulsa;

9. Institute any action in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions;

10. Determine the need for and cause to be constructed buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at University Center at Tulsa;

11. Establish and maintain plans for retirement of employees at University Center at Tulsa and for payment of deferred compensation of such employees and provide hospital and medical benefits, accident, health and life insurance, and annuity contracts for such employees and their dependents. The Board may pay for all or a part of the cost thereof for employees, with funds available for the operation of the institution. Amounts payable by an employee for such insurance or annuity contracts may, with the consent of the employee, be deducted from his or her salary;

12. Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to University Center at Tulsa;

13. Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to University Center at Tulsa;

14. Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and otherwise for the violation of rules and regulations of the Board, which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions; and

15. Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted to it, or to make University Center at

Tulsa effective for the purposes for which it is maintained or operated.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3213, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3213. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make educational program resources at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education available to the people in the Ardmore area. The State Regents shall draw upon the educational programs of institutions best suited to provide the kind of educational programs needed and shall, in pursuance of Article XIII-A of the Constitution of Oklahoma and appropriate statutes, set the standards of education as they relate to the programs operated to assure that credits earned by students will be fully accepted at institutions of higher education to which the students may transfer the credit to apply toward an educational study objective. The State Regents may establish appropriate funds and accounts, including a revolving fund, in the Office of State Finance for servicing the fiscal operations of the Ardmore Higher Education Program. Such funds and accounts shall be subject to the direct supervision, management, and control of the board of trustees created by subsection B of this section. The people locally shall provide suitable physical plant accommodations for the program.

B. There is hereby created a board of ten (10) trustees to be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to serve as the administrative agency for the Ardmore Higher Education Program. ~~The board so created shall have the same powers and duties and shall serve the same terms of office as members of the board of trustees for the University Center at Tulsa.~~ Such board shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and use an official seal. The board so created shall have the authority to submit a budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, administer monies budgeted by the State Regents, negotiate agreements with

institutions for courses and programs of study approved by the State Regents, provide educational facilities, recommend courses and programs to be offered by participating institutions, select a chief executive officer whose duties include the general coordination of approved programs and services and the selection of other appropriate nonteaching personnel. The board of trustees is authorized to expend all monies allocated to the Ardmore Higher Education Program as may be necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the board by this section. For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real and personal property from sources other than state appropriations, the board is authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to such actions. The initial nine (9)

members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:

Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1986, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1987, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1988, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1989, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1990, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1991, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1992, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

The tenth member shall be appointed to Position No. 10, the term of office of which shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1996, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

The board shall organize and elect a ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~, vice-chair and secretary annually.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4427, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4427. There is hereby created a board of nine (9) trustees to be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to serve as the administrative agency for the McCurtain County Higher Education Program. The initial nine (9) members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:

Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1986, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1987, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1988, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1989, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1990, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1991, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1992, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

The board so created shall have the same powers and duties as members of the board of trustees for the ~~University Center at Tulsa~~ Ardmore Higher Education Program. The board shall organize and elect a ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~, vice-chair and secretary annually.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3412, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3412. The Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall have the supervision, management and control of Oklahoma State University of Agricultural and Applied Science, ~~Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College~~, Langston University, ~~Cameron State Agricultural College~~, Connors State Agriculture College, Eastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Murray State Agricultural College, ~~and Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College~~; and shall have the following additional powers and duties:

(a) Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to govern each of the institutions under its jurisdiction.

(b) Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such personnel as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys, engineers, and other professional and technical persons deemed necessary by the Board, for its operation and for the operation of the institutions under its jurisdiction. Any of such personnel having custody of public funds or other public property may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in such amounts as may be deemed necessary by the Board, payable to the State of Oklahoma and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of all such funds and property.

(c) Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials and equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make any of its powers effective.

(d) Authorize officials at the several institutions under its jurisdiction to act in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in carrying out the powers conferred upon it.

(e) Receive and make disposition of monies, grants and property from federal agencies, and administer the same in accordance with federal requirements.

(f) Accept gifts of real and personal property, money and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the directions of the donors or grantors thereof.

(g) Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or received from any other source by institutions under its jurisdiction.

(h) Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its name, on behalf of any of the institutions under its jurisdiction, and convey, exchange or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control, such property in the interest of such institutions, including the granting of leases, permits, easements and licenses over or upon any such real property. The Board shall have the power to institute any legal action in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have the custody and control of abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or title to real property belonging to the Board, and being held by the Board on behalf of a particular state educational institution.

(i) Have supervision and charge of the construction of all buildings at the institutions under its jurisdiction.

(j) Determine the need for and cause to be constructed, dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at any institution under its jurisdiction.

(k) Establish and maintain plans for tenure and retirement of employees of the Board and of the institutions under its

jurisdiction, and for payment of deferred compensation of such employees; and provide hospital and medical benefits, accident, health and life insurance, and annuity contracts, for such employees and their dependents. The Board may pay for all or a part of the cost for employees thereof with funds available for the operation of the institution. Amounts payable by an employee for such insurance or annuity contracts may, with the consent of the employee, be deducted from his salary.

(l) The said Board shall cause a complete inventory to be made of all properties belonging to each of the said agricultural colleges or universities within the State of Oklahoma before the last Monday in December, next preceding each biennial session of the State Legislature, and accompanying said inventories shall be a financial statement showing in detail the condition of all funds appropriated for the use of said agricultural colleges and experimental stations, also the money expended and the purposes for which the same were expended and the condition of the institution; and, the results of experiments carried on, together with their recommendations concerning remedial legislation or regulations for the betterment of said institution. A copy of said inventories and reports shall be filed, one with the Governor, one with the Secretary of State and sufficient copies for the members of the Legislature.

(m) The said Board shall audit all accounts against the funds appropriated for the use and maintenance of the Oklahoma State University of Agriculture and Applied Science and the other State agricultural colleges, including experimental stations, and the State Treasurer shall issue his warrant for the amount of all accounts, including salaries and expenses.

(n) Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and otherwise for the violation of rules and regulations of the Board,

which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions.

(o) The Legislature further recognizes and confirms, that the Oklahoma State University of Agriculture and Applied Science is an institution corporate under the constitution and statutes of Oklahoma with full power and authority, acting through its constitutional Board of Regents, to do all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the corporate objects of said institution, and said institution, acting through its said constitutional Board of Regents, is hereby recognized to be such public corporation and to have such powers.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the powers of said board of regents to control and use monies accruing to the institutions under their jurisdiction and control, from nontax sources, including institutional earnings, and proceeds of sales of surplus properties heretofore authorized to be sold, and revenues derived by way of bonuses and rentals from oil and gas leases, for any lawful institutional purpose, is hereby specifically confirmed.

The enumeration herein of certain powers and immunities of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall not be construed as in derogation or as a limitation of other powers and immunities properly belonging to said Board by virtue of any provisions of the Constitution of Oklahoma or of any provision of law. Said Board, is hereby, expressly granted every power necessary or convenient to make institutions under its jurisdiction effective for the purposes for which they were created and are maintained and operated.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as in derogation of the constitutional powers and responsibilities of said Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, acting as the Board of Regents for ~~Cameron State Agricultural College~~, Connors State Agricultural College, Eastern Oklahoma

Agricultural and Mechanical College, Murray State Agricultural College, ~~Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College,~~ ~~Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College,~~ and Langston University.

SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3404.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education review the current mission and function of Cameron University. If the State Regents determine that the current mission and function are not adequate to meet the needs of the students, then it is legislative intent that the State Regents modify the mission and function of Cameron University to more appropriately meet the needs of the students.

B. Beginning July 1, 1992, there shall be created the Board of Regents of Cameron University which shall consist of seven (7) members. All governing control of and property, assets and obligations of Cameron University shall be transferred on July 1, 1992, from the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to the Board of Regents of Cameron University.

C. Members of the Board of Regents of Cameron University shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and the consent of the Senate. The regular term of each member shall be seven (7) years, except that the initial appointments shall be for lesser terms so that the term of only one member shall expire each year. Appointments shall be to numbered positions on the Board, and the terms of members of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

2. Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

3. Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1995, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

4. Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1996, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

5. Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1997, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

6. Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1998, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

7. Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1999, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Governor, for the unexpired term, with the advice and the consent of the Senate.

D. The Board of Regents of Cameron University shall be a body corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It shall annually elect a chair, a vice-chair and a secretary, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform such duties as the Board directs. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the governance and administration of Cameron University and the discharge of its duties, and shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Board of Regents of Cameron University shall have the same powers and duties

as governing boards of other institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and may do all things necessary or convenient to make Cameron University effective for the purpose for which it is operated.

E. Each member of the Board of Regents of Cameron University shall take and subscribe to oaths required of state officials generally. Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses, as may be approved by the Board, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3408.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education review the current mission and function of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. If the State Regents determine that the current mission and function are not adequate to meet the needs of the students, then it is legislative intent that the State Regents modify the mission and function of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College to more appropriately meet the needs of the students.

B. Beginning July 1, 1992, there shall be created the Board of Regents of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College which shall consist of seven (7) members, three of whom shall reside in Ottawa County. All governing control of and property, assets and obligations of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be transferred on July 1, 1992, from the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to the Board of Regents of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

C. Members of the Board of Regents of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be appointed by the

Governor with the advice and the consent of the Senate. The regular term of each member shall be seven (7) years, except that the initial appointments shall be for lesser terms so that the term of only one member shall expire each year. Appointments shall be to numbered positions on the Board, and the terms of members of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

2. Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

3. Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1995, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

4. Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1996, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

5. Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1997, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

6. Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1998, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

7. Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1999, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Governor, for the unexpired term, with the advice and the consent of the Senate.

D. The Board of Regents of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be a body corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It shall annually elect a chair, a vice-

chair and a secretary, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform such duties as the Board directs. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the governance and administration of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and the discharge of its duties, and shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Board of Regents of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College shall have the same powers and duties as governing boards of other institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and may do all things necessary or convenient to make Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College effective for the purpose for which it is operated.

E. Each member of the Board of Regents of Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College shall take and subscribe to oaths required of state officials generally. Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses, as may be approved by the Board, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3402.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education review the current mission and function of Panhandle State University. If the State Regents determine that the current mission and function are not adequate to meet the needs of the students, then it is legislative intent that the State Regents modify the mission and function of Panhandle State University to more appropriately meet the needs of the students.

B. Beginning July 1, 1992, there shall be created the Board of Regents of Panhandle State University, which shall consist of seven (7) members, one of whom shall reside in Cimarron County, one of whom shall reside in Beaver County and two of whom shall reside in Texas County. All governing control of and property, assets and obligations of Panhandle State University shall be transferred on July 1, 1992, from the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to the Board of Regents of Panhandle State University.

C. Members of the Board of Regents of Panhandle State University shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and the consent of the Senate. The regular term of each member shall be seven (7) years, except that the initial appointments shall be for lesser terms so that the term of only one member shall expire each year. Appointments shall be to numbered positions on the Board, and the terms of members of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

2. Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

3. Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1995, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

4. Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1996, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

5. Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1997, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

6. Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1998, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

7. Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1999, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Governor, for the unexpired term, with the advice and the consent of the Senate.

D. The Board of Regents of Panhandle State University shall be a body corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It shall annually elect a chair, a vice-chair and a secretary, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform such duties as the Board directs. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the governance and administration of Panhandle State University and the discharge of its duties, and shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Board of Regents of Panhandle State University shall have the same powers and duties as governing boards of other institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and may do all things necessary or convenient to make Panhandle State University effective for the purpose for which it is operated.

E. Each member of the Board of Regents of Panhandle State University shall take and subscribe to oaths required of state officials generally. Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses, as may be approved by the Board, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 12. RECODIFICATION 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4604.1 shall be recodified as Section 6.1 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 13. REPEALER 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4603, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 15. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 1992.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1992.

President of the Senate