

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1908

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,  
SECTION 3510, WHICH RELATES TO EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF  
REGENTS OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGES; CHANGING THE NAME OF  
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY TO UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECT OF  
SUCH NAME CHANGE; PROVIDING FOR THE DEPLETION OF  
CERTAIN LABELED SUPPLIES; PROVIDING EXCEPTION;  
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3510, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3510. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges shall have the supervision, management and control of the University of Central Oklahoma, East Central University, Northeastern State University, ~~Northwestern State University~~ University of Northwestern Oklahoma, Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Southwestern

Oklahoma State University; and it 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 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 the 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 custody of abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or title to real property acquired for or belonging to such institutions.

(i) Have supervision and charge of the construction of all buildings at 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 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 salary.

(l) Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to each of the institutions under its jurisdiction.

(m) Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to the institutions under its jurisdiction.

(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) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted to it by Article XIII-B of the Constitution and the Statutes of Oklahoma, or to make institutions under its jurisdiction effective for the purposes for which they are maintained or operated.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3510.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The state educational institution presently designated as "Northwestern State University" shall continue at the same location and its official name shall be the "University of Northwestern Oklahoma".

B. The name prescribed by subsection A of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any legal relationships, bonds, contracts, supervisory authority by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, title to property, obligations, or any other phase or aspect of the legal status of the said institution for any purpose, except that said institution shall be referred to as the "University of Northwestern Oklahoma" in all future references to said institution.

C. It is the intent of the Legislature that supplies, including but not limited to letterheads, which on July 1, 1992, carry or are labeled with the name "Northwestern State University" shall be utilized after July 1, 1992, until such supplies are depleted. Any new supplies ordered for use after July 1, 1992, shall bear the name "University of Northwestern Oklahoma". For purposes of this section, "supplies" shall not mean signs designating the name of the university.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 4. 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.

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