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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to technology center school
8 districts; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as
9 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003
10 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 14-108), which relates
11 to technology center school districts; providing for
12 apportionment of district into district zones;
13 providing for reapportionment of district zones;
14 establishing criteria for boundaries and division of
15 district zones; providing for election of board
16 members from each district zone; requiring residency
17 in district zone to represent zone or board;
18 requiring vacancy in office upon changed residency of
19 a member; requiring State Board of Career and
20 Technology Education to promulgate rules; providing
21 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as
24 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.
2008, Section 14-108), is amended to read as follows:

25 Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology
26 Education shall prescribe criteria and procedures for the
27 establishment and governance of technology center school districts,
28 as provided by Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and

1 such districts so established shall be operated in accordance with
2 rules of the State Board of Career and Technology Education, except
3 as otherwise provided in this title.

4 B. A technology center school district shall be a body
5 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for
6 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State
7 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue
8 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted
9 with, and holding real and personal estate.

10 ~~Its~~ C. The governing board of a technology center school
11 district shall be a board of education consisting of not less than
12 five (5) nor more than seven (7) members elected in a manner
13 prescribed by the. The territory of each technology center school
14 district shall be divided into district zones by the State Board of
15 Career and Technology Education. Between August 1 and December 31
16 of the year following the submission by the United States Department
17 of Commerce to the President of the United States of the official
18 Federal Decennial Census, the Board shall reapportion the territory
19 of each technology center school district into district zones. All
20 boundaries of district zones shall follow clearly visible,
21 definable, and observable physical boundaries which are based upon
22 criteria established and recognized by the Bureau of the Census of
23 the United States Department of Commerce for purposes of defining
24 census blocks for its decennial census and shall follow, as much as

1 possible, precinct boundaries. District zones shall be compact,
2 contiguous and shall be as equal in population as practical with not
3 more than a ten percent (10%) variance between the most populous and
4 least populous district zones. The board of education of a
5 technology center school district shall consist of one member
6 elected from each of the district zones of the school district
7 created pursuant to this subsection. The electors of each district
8 zone shall elect a person, who is a resident of the district zone,
9 to represent the district zone on the school board. If during the
10 term of office to which a person was elected, that member ceases to
11 be a resident of the district zone for which the person was elected,
12 the office shall become vacant and the vacancy shall be filled as
13 provided in Section 13A-110 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
14 The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate
15 rules prescribing the manner in which the elections required by this
16 subsection are held.

17 ~~Such~~ D. The board of education of a technology center school
18 district shall have the same powers and duties that boards of
19 education of independent school districts have. It may require
20 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be
21 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district
22 in which the student resides.

23 ~~C.~~ E. An election to vote on the question of making a levy of
24 not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable

1 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
2 of subsection A, Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall
3 be called by the board of education and conducted by the county
4 election board of such district in the same manner that elections
5 for emergency levies in school districts under the provisions of
6 Section 9(d), Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, are called and
7 conducted. When such levy is approved by a majority of the electors
8 of the technology center school district voting on the question at
9 such election, the levy shall be made each fiscal year thereafter
10 until repealed by a majority of the electors of the district voting
11 on the question at an election called for such purpose. An election
12 to vote on the question of making a local incentive levy of not to
13 exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
14 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
15 of subsection B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma
16 Constitution, may be called by the board of education; and elections
17 on a levy for a building fund for an area school district under the
18 provisions of Section 10, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall be
19 called by the board of education of such district and conducted by
20 the county election board in the same manner that elections for
21 similar levies are called and conducted in independent school
22 districts.

23 ~~D.~~ F. Annual estimates of needs of technology center school
24 districts shall be made and approved in the same manner that those

1 of independent school districts are made and approved. Provided,
2 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
3 prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of
4 technology center school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for
5 and expended. Any such estimate of needs may include an estimate of
6 federal funds as probable income from sources other than ad valorem
7 tax of the district and other than any excise or other tax assessed
8 by legislative enactment and distributed in lieu of ad valorem
9 taxes. If a technology center school district lies in more than one
10 county, the district's estimate of needs shall be filed with and
11 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the
12 school district board of education.

13 ~~E.~~ G. Territory may be annexed to or detached from a technology
14 center school district, in accordance with rules prescribed by the
15 State Board of Career and Technology Education. If the State Board
16 of Career and Technology Education requires the submission of a
17 petition in order for an election to be called for the purpose of
18 annexation or deannexation of territory to a technology center
19 school district, such petition shall not be required to bear a
20 number of technology center school district electors' signatures
21 which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of technology center
22 school district electors who voted in the last school board election
23 in the territory proposed to be annexed or deannexed. Provided, the

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1 period of time from which the petition is initiated to its time of
2 filing with the State Board shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

3 ~~F.~~ H. Schools of technology center school districts shall be
4 subject to classification, inspection and accreditation by the State
5 Board of Education.

6 ~~G.~~ I. The technology center school board of education may
7 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school
8 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

9 ~~H.~~ J. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology
10 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,
11 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon
12 employment including credit for years of service in the previous
13 school district by the technology center school district, if the
14 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an
15 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly
16 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is
17 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of
18 the school district.

19 ~~I.~~ K. The board of education of a technology center school
20 district may convey personal property without consideration to a
21 school district that is within the boundary of the technology center
22 school district or a public school offering secondary level
23 education which was created and is operated by the State of Oklahoma
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1 and that is within the boundary of the technology center school
2 district.

3 J. L. The board of education of a technology center school
4 district may, without prior approval of the State Board of Career
5 and Technology Education, approve all plans and specifications for
6 technology center school buildings, additions, and major
7 modifications to school buildings that are designed to provide for
8 the offering of vocational-technical education programs and services
9 when the cost of the building project is to be paid with local
10 levies or state bond monies or both local levies and state bond
11 monies.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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