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HOUSE BILL 1055

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS TECH
UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Tech University for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	President, Arkansas Tech University	1	\$300,064
(2)	Executive Vice President and Prov.	1	\$227,247
(3)	Vice-Pres. for Admin & Finance	1	\$190,651
(4)	Vice President for Development	1	\$187,756
(5)	Vice-Pres. for Student Affairs	1	\$187,756



(6)	Vice-Pres. for Government Relations	1	\$187,756
(7)	Vice President	1	\$187,755
(8)	Dean of College	8	\$181,965
(9)	Assoc. Vice-Pres. of Academic Affairs	1	\$165,006
(10)	Executive Assistant to the President	1	\$165,006
(11)	Assoc. Vice-Pres. of Fiscal Affairs	1	\$165,006
(12)	Associate Vice-President	4	\$165,006
(13)	Associate Dean of College	6	\$160,398
(14)	Exec. Dir. for Advancement Services	1	\$160,398
(15)	Director of Information Systems	1	\$159,806
(16)	General Counsel	1	\$147,772
(17)	Controller	1	\$147,193
(18)	Dir. of Physical Plant/Plant Engineer	1	\$138,551
(19)	Director of University Relations	1	\$138,284
(20)	Registrar	1	\$132,424
(21)	Director of Student Success Center	1	\$131,042
(22)	Director of Planned Giving	1	\$131,018
(23)	Project/Program Administrator	43	
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$124,863
	Project/Program Director		\$114,890
	Project/Program Manager		\$104,118
	Project/Program Specialist		\$89,831
(24)	Director of On-Line Partnerships	1	\$124,131
(25)	Director of Enrollment Management	1	\$124,131
(26)	Dean of Students	1	\$124,131
(27)	Coordinator of Off-Campus Courses	1	\$124,131
(28)	Assoc. Dir. of Information Systems	2	\$122,352
(29)	Instructional Designer	2	\$118,841
(30)	English Language Institute Coord.	1	\$117,508
(31)	Director of Distance Learning Serv.	1	\$117,241
(32)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$120,254
(33)	Development/Advancement Admin.	6	
	Development/Advancement Director		\$114,890
	Development/Advancement Manager		\$104,118
	Development/Advancement Specialist		\$89,831
(34)	Director of Admissions	1	\$114,632

(35)	Director of International Programs	1	\$114,632
(36)	Director of Public Affairs	1	\$114,632
(37)	Director of Student Aid	1	\$114,632
(38)	Director of Alumni Svcs. & Annual Giv.	1	\$114,632
(39)	Dir. of Prof. Development Institute	1	\$114,632
(40)	Dir. of Grants and Other Spons. Prog.	1	\$112,033
(41)	Treasurer	1	\$112,033
(42)	Associate Controller	1	\$112,033
(43)	Business Manager	1	\$112,033
(44)	Assoc. Dean of Employ. & Career Svc.	1	\$112,033
(45)	Associate Dean of Students	6	\$111,399
(46)	Associate Registrar	4	\$111,399
(47)	Associate Director of Admissions	4	\$111,399
(48)	Computer Network Coordinator	1	\$108,994
(49)	Director of Public Safety	1	\$108,583
(50)	Construction Manager	1	\$108,317
(51)	Academic/Student Support Counselor	11	\$107,916
(52)	Director of Budget	1	\$106,831
(53)	Director of Administrative Services	1	\$106,049
(54)	Communications Specialist	1	\$102,562
(55)	Director of Testing	1	\$101,305
(56)	Endowment Financial Analyst	1	\$100,241
(57)	Dir. of Corp and Foundation Giving	1	\$99,364
(58)	Dir. of Donor Relations & Devel. Svcs.	1	\$99,364
(59)	Special Projects Coordinator	12	\$98,789
(60)	Director of Placement/Career Service	1	\$97,578
(61)	Dir. of Pub. & Creative Svcs.	1	\$95,730
(62)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$92,629
(63)	Assistant Dir. of Information Systems	1	\$90,342
(64)	Dir. of Academic Technology & Comp	1	\$90,342
(65)	Dir. of Recruitment & Orientation	1	\$90,342
(66)	Student Development Specialist	16	\$90,228
(67)	Career Advisor	1	\$90,228
(68)	Dir. of Acad. Advisement and Retention	1	\$90,228
(69)	Coordinator of Grants Management	1	\$90,228
(70)	Director of Academic Services	1	\$90,228

(71)	Assistant Dean of Students	7	\$90,228
(72)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$90,228
(73)	Institutional Research Associate	2	\$90,228
(74)	Database Administrator	2	\$90,228
(75)	Asst. Dir. of International Programs	2	\$90,227
(76)	Internal Auditor	1	\$87,683
(77)	Coordinator of Intramural Activities	1	\$87,513
(78)	Coord. Affirm. Action/Disability Svc.	1	\$86,451
(79)	Inst. Information Technology Coord.	4	\$85,896
(80)	Dir. of Learning Resource Center	2	\$84,922
(81)	Associate Director of Student Aid	1	\$82,659
(82)	Assistant Database Administrator	2	\$82,659
(83)	Computer Support Manager	1	\$82,592
(84)	Systems Specialist	4	\$82,592
(85)	Associate for Administration	1	\$81,734
(86)	Network Support Specialist	3	\$79,415
(87)	Senior Software Support Analyst	1	\$79,415
(88)	Systems Analyst	3	\$76,361
(89)	Public Safety Pool	26	
	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$76,361
	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$73,424
	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$70,599
	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$62,763
	Public Safety Officer		\$60,349
	Public Safety Officer II		\$55,796
	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$47,694
(90)	Institutional Assistant	5	\$74,808
(91)	Computer Support Coordinator	1	\$73,424
(92)	Academic Advisor	14	\$72,148
(93)	Computer Operations Coordinator	1	\$70,599
(94)	Systems Coordination Analyst	1	\$70,599
(95)	Computer Support Specialist	11	\$67,885
(96)	Database Analyst	2	\$67,885
(97)	Digital Broadcast Specialist	1	\$65,273
(98)	Network Support Analyst	3	\$65,273
(99)	Website Developer	1	\$65,273

(100)	Skilled Trades Pool	31	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$62,763
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$60,349
	Skilled Tradesman		\$58,028
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$44,096
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$39,202
(101)	Information Systems Security Analyst	1	\$62,763
(102)	Information Systems Analyst	3	\$62,763
(103)	Computer Support Technician	4	\$58,028
(104)	Computer Operator	2	\$55,796
(105)	Network Analyst	3	\$55,796
(106)	Call Center Specialist	3	\$47,694
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>CLASSIFIED & NON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>		
(107)	Information Systems Security Specialist	1	\$87,665
(108)	Fiscal Support Pool	25	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$77,934
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$64,056
	Accountant II		\$61,593
	Accountant I		\$59,224
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$56,946
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$50,625
	Accounting Technician		\$46,805
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$43,274
(109)	Financial Analyst II	1	GRADE C121
(110)	Procurement Manager	1	GRADE C121
(111)	Benefits Coordinator	1	GRADE C119
(112)	Buyer Supervisor	1	GRADE C119
(113)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	2	GRADE C119
(114)	Development Specialist	1	GRADE C119
(115)	Education Counselor	2	GRADE C119
(116)	Grants Coordinator	1	GRADE C119
(117)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	GRADE C119
(118)	Procurement Coordinator	1	GRADE C119
(119)	Assistant Personnel Manager	1	GRADE C118
(120)	Career Plan & Plac Coordinator	1	GRADE C118

(121)	Executive Assistant to Director	1	GRADE C118
(122)	Financial Analyst I	2	GRADE C118
(123)	Budget Specialist	1	GRADE C117
(124)	Human Resource Analyst	1	GRADE C117
(125)	Legal Services Specialist	1	GRADE C117
(126)	Maintenance Coordinator	2	GRADE C117
(127)	Research Project Analyst	2	GRADE C117
(128)	Broadcast Promotion Specialist	1	GRADE C117
(129)	Buyer	3	GRADE C116
(130)	HEI Program Coordinator	1	GRADE C116
(131)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	1	\$59,224
(132)	Administrative Support Pool	84	
	Administrative Assistant		GRADE C115
	Administrative Analyst		GRADE C115
	Administrative Support Supervisor		GRADE C113
	Administrative Specialist III		GRADE C112
	Administration Support Specialist		GRADE C112
	Administrative Specialist II		GRADE C109
	Administrative Support Specialist		GRADE C109
	Administrative Specialist I		GRADE C106
(133)	Assistant Registrar	6	GRADE C115
(134)	Financial Aid Analyst	7	GRADE C115
(135)	HR Program Representative	1	GRADE C115
(136)	Library Supervisor	2	\$56,946
(137)	Purchasing Specialist	1	GRADE C115
(138)	Student Accounts Officer	1	GRADE C115
(139)	ATU Coliseum Manager	1	GRADE C114
(140)	Broadcast Production Specialist	1	GRADE C114
(141)	Career Plan & Placement Specialist	1	GRADE C114
(142)	Warehouse Manager	1	GRADE C114
(143)	Collection Officer	1	GRADE C113
(144)	Financial Aid Specialist	3	GRADE C113
(145)	Human Resources Specialist	3	GRADE C113
(146)	Landscape Supervisor	2	GRADE C113
(147)	Records Management Analyst	2	GRADE C113
(148)	Farm Foreman - Inst.	1	GRADE C112

(149)	Maintenance Specialist	1	GRADE C112
(150)	Theater Arts Technical Supervisor	1	GRADE C112
(151)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	GRADE C111
(152)	Food Preparation Supervisor	1	GRADE C111
(153)	Library Specialist	3	\$48,678
(154)	Admissions Analyst Supervisor	1	GRADE C110
(155)	Collector	1	GRADE C110
(156)	Equipment Mechanic	2	GRADE C110
(157)	Landscape Specialist	3	GRADE C110
(158)	Special Events Supervisor	4	GRADE C110
(159)	Human Resources Assistant	1	GRADE C110
(160)	Laboratory Technician	1	GRADE C110
(161)	Heavy Equipment Operator	1	GRADE C109
(162)	Library Technician	3	\$45,005
(163)	Maintenance Assistant	13	GRADE C108
(164)	Registrar's Assistant	8	GRADE C107
(165)	Equipment Operator	2	GRADE C105
(166)	Institutional Services Supervisor	2	GRADE C104
(167)	Institutional Services Assistant	50	GRADE C103

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERALACADEMIC POSITIONS

(168)	Department Chairperson	30	\$170,375
(169)	Director of Library	1	\$162,167
(170)	Dir. of Assess. & Inst. Effectiveness	1	\$146,405
(171)	Director of the STEM Institute	1	\$118,841
(172)	Librarian	7	
	Librarian		\$112,208
	Associate Librarian		\$94,975
	Assistant Librarian		\$90,082
(173)	Instructor	1	\$108,994
(174)	Assessment Specialist	1	\$79,918
(175)	Research Assistant	4	\$74,243

NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERALACADEMIC POSITIONS

(176)	Faculty	321	
	Distinguished Professor		\$187,599

	Professor		\$164,582
	Assoc. Professor		\$144,297
	Asst. Professor		\$120,791
	Instructor		\$94,251
	Lecturer		\$76,155
(177)	Part-Time Faculty	215	\$47,435
(178)	Graduate Assistant	187	\$29,747

TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISESNON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

(179)	Athletic Director	1	\$135,287
(180)	Head Coach	11	\$123,608
(181)	Director of Health Services	1	\$115,103
(182)	Business Manager	1	\$106,888
(183)	Asst. Athletic Director	1	\$103,858
(184)	Advanced Practice Nurse	1	\$102,245
(185)	Athletic Compliance Officer	1	\$100,604
(186)	Director of Residence Life	2	\$98,113
(187)	Asst. Coach	14	\$97,167
(188)	Athletic Academic Director	1	\$97,167
(189)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$97,167
(190)	Registered Nurse Practitioner	1	\$93,691
(191)	Assistant Sports Information Dir.	1	\$91,012
(192)	Athletic Facility Manager	1	\$81,740
(193)	Skilled Trades Pool	3	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$62,763
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$60,349
	Skilled Tradesman		\$58,028
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$44,096
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$39,202
(194)	Assistant Athletic Trainer	3	\$62,679

TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISESCLASSIFIED & NON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

(195)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$77,934
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$64,056
	Accountant II		\$61,593

	Accountant I		\$59,224
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$56,946
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$50,625
	Accounting Technician		\$46,805
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$43,274
(196)	Registered Nurse	2	\$69,283
(197)	Educational Counselor	1	GRADE C119
(198)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	GRADE C117
(199)	Production Artist	1	GRADE C117
(200)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
	Administrative Assistant		GRADE C115
	Administrative Analyst		GRADE C115
	Administrative Support Supervisor		GRADE C113
	Administrative Specialist III		GRADE C112
	Administration Support Specialist		GRADE C112
	Administrative Specialist II		GRADE C109
	Administrative Support Specialist		GRADE C109
	Administrative Specialist I		GRADE C106
(201)	Special Events Manager	1	GRADE C115
(202)	Maintenance Specialist	2	GRADE C112
(203)	Campus Postmaster	1	GRADE C110
(204)	Maintenance Assistant	3	GRADE C108
(205)	Special Events Worker	2	GRADE C106
(206)	Shipping and Receiving Clerk	1	GRADE C105
(207)	Stadium Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$38,471
(208)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	GRADE C104
(209)	Institutional Services Assistant	12	GRADE C103
	<u>ARKANSAS TECH UNIV. - OZARK CAMPUS</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(210)	Chancellor ATU - OZARK CAMPUS	1	\$176,159
(211)	Chief Academic Officer	1	\$141,390
(212)	Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$132,588
(213)	Chief Student Life Officer	1	\$132,588
(214)	Chief Business and Community Outreach	1	\$132,588
(215)	Project/Program Administrator	4	

	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$124,863
	Project/Program Director		\$114,890
	Project/Program Manager		\$104,118
	Project/Program Specialist		\$89,831
(216)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$101,462
(217)	Associate Director of Financial Aid	1	\$100,523
(218)	Special Projects Coordinator	1	\$98,788
(219)	Associate Registrar	1	\$95,907
(220)	Associate Director of Computer Serv.	1	\$90,341
(221)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	2	\$90,341
(222)	Associate Director of Admissions	1	\$90,341
(223)	Career Advisor	1	\$90,228
(224)	Student Development Specialist	1	\$90,228
(225)	Academic Counselor	1	\$84,389
(226)	Assessment Coordinator	1	\$73,506
(227)	Assistant Director of Academic Serv.	1	\$73,506
(228)	Academic Advisor	2	\$70,393
(229)	Director of Community Outreach	1	\$68,955
(230)	Computer Support Specialist	1	\$67,885
(231)	Computer Operator	1	\$55,796
(232)	Industry Training Specialist	5	\$44,893
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>CLASSIFIED & NON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>		
(233)	Fiscal Support Pool	2	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$77,934
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$64,056
	Accountant II		\$61,593
	Accountant I		\$59,224
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$56,946
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$50,625
	Accounting Technician		\$46,805
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$43,274
(234)	Public Information Coordinator	1	GRADE C120
(235)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	1	GRADE C119
(236)	Public Information Specialist	1	GRADE C116
(237)	Asst. Registrar	1	GRADE C115

(238)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	GRADE C115
(239)	Administrative Support Pool	16	
	Administrative Assistant		GRADE C115
	Administrative Analyst		GRADE C115
	Administrative Support Supervisor		GRADE C113
	Administrative Specialist III		GRADE C112
	Administration Support Specialist		GRADE C112
	Administrative Specialist II		GRADE C109
	Administrative Support Specialist		GRADE C109
	Administrative Specialist I		GRADE C106
(240)	Maintenance Technician	1	GRADE C113
(241)	Maintenance Specialist	8	GRADE C112
(242)	Human Resources Assistant	1	GRADE C110
(243)	Library Technician	1	\$45,005
(244)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	GRADE C104
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(245)	Librarian	1	\$112,209
(246)	Division Chair	3	\$92,521
(247)	12-Month Workforce Ed. Faculty	9	\$91,668
	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(248)	Workforce Ed. Faculty	66	\$90,047
(249)	Workforce Ed. Part-Time Faculty	73	\$27,951
	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
	<u>NON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>		
(250)	Bookstore Manager	<u>1</u>	\$88,776
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,670	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Tech University for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one thousand six hundred fifteen (1,615) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the

appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the Arkansas Tech University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Tech University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,601,694
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,815,514
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,495,480
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,841,338
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	<u>348,881</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$39,102,907</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Tech University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,985,982
(02) EXTRA HELP	7,500,000
(03) OVERTIME	250,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,694,747
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,000,000

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,200,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	15,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	44,497,231
(07) DEBT SERVICE	10,000,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$162,427,960</u>

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL ALLOWANCES. The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University may make special allowances available to any coach who coaches more than one sport in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year for any one coach. Further, if the special allowance funds authorized herein are utilized, Arkansas Tech University shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those special allowance funds.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS TECH INSTITUTE. The Arkansas Tech Institute (ATI) shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Tech University. Utilizing a multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals, ATI shall explore, develop, implement, and evaluate new and better ways to integrate the teaching, study and performance of business, engineering, emergency management, agriculture, healthcare, technical programs and computer sciences for academic, economic, and economic development purposes in Arkansas. ATI priorities shall include, but are not limited to, economic development, technology development, and "cyber-park" development. Arkansas Tech University shall make annual reports to the Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of funding, existing programs, and services offered through ATI.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT. The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University shall be authorized to reimburse tuition, fees, and other educational related expenses of current faculty who seek additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards. Reimbursement shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request has been documented by the institution to meet critical shortage instructional areas or is necessary for restructuring of the academic programs of the institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-65-301(b)(1), concerning the residency qualifications of individuals appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board shall consist of five (5) members ~~to be appointed from the counties in the Second Agricultural and Mechanical District~~ who shall each be a resident of the State of Arkansas.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-65-301(c)(2)(A), concerning individuals who are ineligible to serve on the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of State Lands, or a Justice of the Supreme Court, ~~and the director or employees of any state department, state agency, or state institution~~ shall be ineligible for membership on the board provided for in this section during the time for which he or she was elected or appointed.

SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditures

Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 through 7, 10, and 11 of this act are effective on and after July 1, 2022.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Arkansas Tech University enrolls students from all seventy-five (75) counties in the State of Arkansas; that Arkansas Tech University provides healthcare education to individuals who graduate and go on to serve residents of the State of Arkansas; that the appointees to the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University are currently limited to being appointed from only thirty (30) counties; that agricultural districts no longer exist in the State of Arkansas; that it is necessary for the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University to consider appointees from all seventy-five (75) counties within the State of Arkansas in order to represent students from all seventy-five (75) counties in the state; and that considering appointees to the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University from a limited number of counties limits the ability of Arkansas Tech University to educate our future healthcare workers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 8 and 9 of this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

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