

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2163

By: Representative Maddox

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

*AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BOARD OF VISITORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO AND THE BOARD OF VISITORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF; TO ABOLISH CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### **Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES; AND TO ABOLISH CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES.

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

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

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

*(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is authorized to establish and operate, as a part thereof, a campus to be known as the University of Arkansas at Monticello, consolidating and incorporating therein the state institution formerly known as Arkansas Agricultural and Mechanical College, which, together with its board of trustees, was abolished as a separate institution with responsibility transferred to the control of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas as a part of the University of Arkansas effective July 1, 1971.*

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(c)(1)(A) Appointments shall be bipartisan and be for terms of three (3) years.~~

~~(B) The Governor shall make appointments to the initial board of visitors and thereafter as terms expire and vacancies occur for any reason, so that at least seven (7) members of the board of visitors will be alumni of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.~~

~~(C) After the expiration of the terms of the members initially appointed under subsection (b) of this section, the members appointed by the Governor in 2006 shall draw lots for staggered terms with the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2007, the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2008, and the terms of four (4) members expiring in 2009.~~

~~(D) Appointments after 2006 shall be for terms of three~~

~~(3) years.~~

~~(2) Members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms but shall otherwise be eligible for reappointment to the board of visitors.~~

~~(3) When there is a vacancy in an unexpired term, the appointee shall serve for the remaining portion of the term.~~

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

~~(1) Perform a liaison function between the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the President and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas;~~

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

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

~~(4) Aid in the continuing development of the University of Arkansas at Monticello as a major four-year campus of the University of Arkansas; and~~

~~(5) Furnish counsel and guidance by advice and recommendations for the University of Arkansas at Monticello.~~

~~(e)(b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall maintain and operate the campus at Monticello as a major four-year campus of the University of Arkansas, offering at that location the highest possible quality of high educational programs, shall provide for the sound growth and improvement of the quality of the academic programs, and shall expand its mission to include technical education at Forest Echoes Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003, shall be known as the University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-Crossett, and Great Rivers Technical Institute, which after July 1, 2003, shall be known as the University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-McGehee.~~

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

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

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

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

~~successor.~~

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

~~(3) [Repealed.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/Maddox