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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
8 Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges;
9 providing for membership, terms and eligibility;
10 providing for appointment of a successor member and
11 filling vacancies; prohibiting members from being
12 employed or contracting with institutions under the
13 jurisdiction of the Board; requiring members to take
14 an oath; allowing necessary travel expenses;
15 directing the Governor to declare an office vacant
16 for failure to attend certain number of meetings;
17 prohibiting employment of members at certain
18 institutions for certain period after expiration of
19 term; making the Board a body corporate; providing
20 for adoption of a seal, election of officers and
21 adoption of rules; requiring minutes of all meetings;
22 providing for management and control of certain
23 institutions; stating powers and duties of the Board;
24 transferring governance, management, control,
property, assets and obligations of certain
institutions to the Board; providing for assumption
of certain employee obligations by the Board;
declaring the dissolution of certain Boards of
Regents on certain date; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
Section 3407.1, which relates to Murray State
College; deleting provisions creating the Board of
Regents of Murray State College; amending 70 O.S.
2011, Sections 3511 and 3511.1, which relate to
Eastern Oklahoma State College; changing governing
control of Eastern Oklahoma State College and certain
branch campuses; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3707,
which relates to Northern Oklahoma College; changing
governing control of a certain branch campus of
Northern Oklahoma College; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
Section 4413, which relates to Tulsa Community
College; deleting provisions creating and regulating

1 the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community College;
2 amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4418.2, which relates
3 to Western Oklahoma State College; changing reference
4 to certain Board of Regents; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
5 Section 4420, which relates to the Tulsa Community
6 College Technology Center School District; updating
7 statutory language; changing governing control of the
8 Tulsa Community College Technology Center School
9 District; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4423, which
10 relates to maintenance of two year colleges; deleting
11 provisions creating certain Boards of Regents;
12 changing governing control of certain technical area
13 school districts; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section
14 4423.1A, which relates to Carl Albert State College
15 branch campus; changing governing control of a
16 certain branch campus of Carl Albert State College;
17 repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3407.2, which relates
18 to the Board of Regents of Murray State College;
19 repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3512, which relates
20 to the Board of Regents of Eastern Oklahoma State
21 College; repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 3702, 3703,
22 3704, 3705 and 3706, which relate to the Board of
23 Regents of Northern Oklahoma College; repealing 70
24 O.S. 2011, Section 4418, which relates to the Board
of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College;
providing for codification; providing effective
dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4901 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
Community Colleges which shall consist of nine (9) members appointed
by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate. Appointments

1 shall be to numbered positions on the Board, and the terms of
2 members of the Board shall be, as follows:

3 1. Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall
4 expire on June 30, 2017, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
5 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
6 Blaine, Kingfisher, Canadian, Caddo, Grady, Comanche, Stephens,
7 Jefferson or Cotton;

8 2. Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall
9 expire on June 30, 2018, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
10 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
11 Ottawa, Delaware, Craig, Mayes, Nowata, Rogers, Washington, Tulsa,
12 Pawnee or Osage;

13 3. Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall
14 expire on June 30, 2019, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
15 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
16 Ellis, Dewey, Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Kiowa, Greer,
17 Jackson, Harmon or Tillman;

18 4. Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall
19 expire on June 30, 2020, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
20 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
21 Adair, Sequoyah, Cherokee, Wagoner, Muskogee, Haskell, McIntosh or
22 Okmulgee;

23 5. Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall
24 expire on June 30, 2021, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and

1 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
2 Creek, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Seminole, Pottawatomie, Pontotoc, Hughes,
3 Johnston or Coal;

4 6. Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall
5 expire on June 30, 2022, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
6 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
7 Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woodward, Woods, Major, Alfalfa,
8 Grant, Garfield, Kay or Noble;

9 7. Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall
10 expire on June 30, 2023, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
11 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
12 LeFlore, Latimer, Pittsburg, Atoka, Pushmataha, McCurtain, Choctaw,
13 Bryan, Marshall, Carter or Love;

14 8. Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall
15 expire on June 30, 2024, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
16 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
17 Oklahoma or Cleveland; and

18 9. Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall
19 expire on June 30, 2025, and each seven (7) years thereafter, and
20 the member shall be a resident of one of the following counties:
21 Logan, McClain, Garvin, Murray or Payne.

22 B. The successor of a member of the Board shall be appointed
23 within ninety (90) days after the term of the member expires. Any
24 vacancy in an appointive position on the Board shall be filled by

1 the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate for the unexpired
2 term within ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs.

3 C. No member of the Board shall be employed upon any work to be
4 performed in connection with institutions under its jurisdiction,
5 nor shall any member of the Board enter into any contract or
6 business transaction involving a financial consideration with
7 institutions under its jurisdiction.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4902 of Title 70, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. Each member of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community
12 Colleges shall take and subscribe to the oaths required of state
13 officials generally.

14 B. Each member of the Board shall be allowed necessary travel
15 expenses, as may be approved by the Board, pursuant to the State
16 Travel Reimbursement Act.

17 C. If any member of the Board fails to attend more than two (2)
18 consecutive meetings of the Board without the consent of a majority
19 of the Board, the Governor shall declare the office vacant and shall
20 appoint a successor for the unexpired term.

21 D. No member of the Board shall be eligible to be an officer,
22 supervisor, president, instructor or employee of any institution
23 under the supervision, management or control of the Board within two
24 (2) years from the date of expiration of the term of the member.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4903 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges shall be a
5 body corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It shall
6 annually elect a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary, each of
7 whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a
8 successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform all duties
9 as the Board directs. The Board shall adopt rules as it deems
10 necessary for the governing of the Board and the discharge of its
11 duties, and shall cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings and
12 transactions considered at each meeting in a suitable book to be
13 obtained and kept for that purpose.

14 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4904 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges shall have
18 the supervision, management and control of the Carl Albert State
19 College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College,
20 Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma City Community College, Redlands
21 Community College, Rose State College, Seminole State College, Tulsa
22 Community College and Western Oklahoma State College, and it shall
23 have the following additional powers and duties:
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1 1. Adopt any rules as it deems necessary to govern each of the
2 institutions under its jurisdiction;

3 2. Employ and fix the compensation and duties of personnel as
4 it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys, engineers and
5 other professional and technical persons for its operation and for
6 the operation of the institutions under its jurisdiction. Any of
7 the personnel having custody of public funds or other public
8 property may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in the
9 amounts as may be deemed necessary by the Board, payable to the
10 State of Oklahoma and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of all
11 public funds and property;

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

15 4. Authorize officials at the several institutions under its
16 jurisdiction to act in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in
17 carrying out the powers conferred upon it;

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

21 6. Accept gifts of real and personal property, money and other
22 things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the
23 directions of the donors or grantors thereof;

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1 7. Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the
2 Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or
3 received from any other source by the institutions under its
4 jurisdiction;

5 8. Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its
6 name, on behalf of any of the institutions under its jurisdiction,
7 and convey, exchange or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control,
8 the property in the interest of the institution, including the
9 granting of leases, permits, easements and licenses over or upon any
10 such real property. The Board shall have the power to institute any
11 legal action in the name of the Board before any court having
12 jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have custody of
13 abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or
14 title to real property belonging to the institutions;

15 9. Have supervision and charge of the construction of all
16 buildings at the institutions under its jurisdiction;

17 10. Determine the need for and cause to be constructed
18 dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at the
19 institutions under its jurisdiction;

20 11. Establish and maintain plans for tenure and retirement of
21 employees at the institutions under its jurisdiction and for payment
22 of deferred compensation of the employees. The Board shall provide
23 hospital and medical benefits, accident, health and life insurance
24 and annuity contracts for the employees and their dependents. The

1 Board may pay for all or a part of the cost thereof for employees,
2 with funds available for the operation of the institution. Amounts
3 payable by an employee for the insurance or annuity contracts may
4 with the consent of the employee be deducted from the salary of the
5 employee;

6 12. Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to the
7 institutions under its jurisdiction;

8 13. Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to the
9 institutions under its jurisdiction;

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

14 15. Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the
15 powers expressly granted to it, or to make the institutions under
16 its jurisdiction effective for the purposes for which they are
17 maintained or operated.

18 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4905 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
22 management and control of Carl Albert State College is hereby
23 transferred from the Board of Regents of Carl Albert State College
24 to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All

1 property, assets and obligations of Carl Albert State College and
2 any and all obligations of the Board of Regents of Carl Albert State
3 College for and on behalf of Carl Albert State College are hereby
4 transferred to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

5 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
6 employees of Carl Albert State College, either through Carl Albert
7 State College or the Board of Regents of Carl Albert State College,
8 shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community
9 Colleges.

10 B. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
11 management and control of Eastern Oklahoma State College is hereby
12 transferred from the Board of Regents of Eastern Oklahoma State
13 College to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All
14 property, assets and obligations of Eastern Oklahoma State College
15 and any and all obligations of the Board of Regents of Eastern
16 Oklahoma State College for and on behalf of Eastern Oklahoma State
17 College are hereby transferred to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
18 Community Colleges.

19 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
20 employees of Eastern Oklahoma State College, either through Eastern
21 Oklahoma State College or the Board of Regents of Eastern Oklahoma
22 State College, shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
23 Community Colleges.

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1 C. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
2 management and control of Murray State College is hereby transferred
3 from the Board of Regents of Murray State College to the Board of
4 Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All property, assets and
5 obligations of Murray State College and any and all obligations of
6 the Board of Regents of Murray State College for and on behalf of
7 Murray State College are hereby transferred to the Board of Regents
8 of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

9 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
10 employees of Murray State College, either through Murray State
11 College or the Board of Regents of Murray State College, shall be
12 assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

13 D. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
14 management and control of Northern Oklahoma College is hereby
15 transferred from the Board of Regents of Northern Oklahoma College
16 to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All
17 property, assets and obligations of Northern Oklahoma College and
18 any and all obligations of the Board of Regents of Northern Oklahoma
19 College for and on behalf of Northern Oklahoma College are hereby
20 transferred to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

21 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
22 employees of Northern Oklahoma College, either through Northern
23 Oklahoma College or the Board of Regents of Northern Oklahoma
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1 College, shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
2 Community Colleges.

3 E. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
4 management and control of Oklahoma City Community College is hereby
5 transferred from the Board of Regents of Oklahoma City Community
6 College to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All
7 property, assets and obligations of Oklahoma City Community College
8 and any and all obligations of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma City
9 Community College for and on behalf of Oklahoma City Community
10 College are hereby transferred to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
11 Community Colleges.

12 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
13 employees of Oklahoma City Community College, either through
14 Oklahoma City Community College or the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
15 City Community College, shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of
16 Oklahoma Community Colleges.

17 F. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
18 management and control of Redlands Community College is hereby
19 transferred from the Board of Regents of Redlands Community College
20 to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All
21 property, assets and obligations of Redlands Community College and
22 any and all obligations of the Board of Regents of Redlands
23 Community College for and on behalf of Redlands Community College
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1 are hereby transferred to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community
2 Colleges.

3 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
4 employees of Redlands Community College, either through Redlands
5 Community College or the Board of Regents of Redlands Community
6 College, shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
7 Community Colleges.

8 G. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
9 management and control of Rose State College is hereby transferred
10 from the Board of Regents of Rose State College to the Board of
11 Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All property, assets and
12 obligations of Rose State College and any and all obligations of the
13 Board of Regents of Rose State College for and on behalf of Rose
14 State College are hereby transferred to the Board of Regents of
15 Oklahoma Community Colleges.

16 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
17 employees of Rose State College, either through Rose State College
18 or the Board of Regents of Rose State College, shall be assumed by
19 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

20 H. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
21 management and control of Seminole State College is hereby
22 transferred from the Board of Regents of Seminole State College to
23 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All property,
24 assets and obligations of Seminole State College and any and all

1 obligations of the Board of Regents of Seminole State College for
2 and on behalf of Seminole State College are hereby transferred to
3 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

4 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
5 employees of Seminole State College, either through Seminole State
6 College or the Board of Regents of Seminole State College, shall be
7 assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

8 I. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
9 management and control of Tulsa Community College is hereby
10 transferred from the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community College to
11 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All property,
12 assets and obligations of Tulsa Community College and any and all
13 obligations of the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community College for
14 and on behalf of Tulsa Community College are hereby transferred to
15 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

16 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
17 employees of Tulsa Community College, either through Tulsa Community
18 College or the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community College, shall be
19 assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges.

20 J. 1. On January 1, 2017, the governance, supervision,
21 management and control of Western Oklahoma State College is hereby
22 transferred from the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State
23 College to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges. All
24 property, assets and obligations of Western Oklahoma State College

1 and any and all obligations of the Board of Regents of Western
2 Oklahoma State College for and on behalf of Western Oklahoma State
3 College are hereby transferred to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
4 Community Colleges.

5 2. Obligations for any and all tenure or retirement of
6 employees of Western Oklahoma State College, either through Western
7 Oklahoma State College or the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma
8 State College, shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma
9 Community Colleges.

10 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4906 of Title 70, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
14 of Carl Albert State College shall be dissolved.

15 B. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
16 of Eastern Oklahoma State College shall be dissolved.

17 C. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
18 of Murray State College shall be dissolved.

19 D. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
20 of Northern Oklahoma College shall be dissolved.

21 E. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
22 of Oklahoma City Community College shall be dissolved.

23 F. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
24 of Redlands Community College shall be dissolved.

1 G. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
2 of Rose State College shall be dissolved.

3 H. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
4 of Seminole State College shall be dissolved.

5 I. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
6 of Tulsa Community College shall be dissolved.

7 J. On January 1, 2017, the entity known as the Board of Regents
8 of Western Oklahoma State College shall be dissolved.

9 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3407.1, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 3407.1 The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
12 shall make a study to determine the feasibility of changing the
13 functions of Murray State College of Agriculture and Applied Science
14 to give predominant emphasis to technical education while retaining
15 the normal two-year junior college academic program. If the State
16 Regents determine that the change should be made, they shall issue a
17 proclamation declaring the change in the functions of the college
18 and specifying the effective date. Thereafter, the official name of
19 the college shall be Murray State College of Technology; ~~there shall~~
20 ~~be created a Board of Regents of Murray State College of Technology~~
21 ~~as provided in Section 2 of this act; and all governing control of~~
22 ~~and property, assets and obligations of the Murray State College of~~
23 ~~Agriculture and Applied Science shall be transferred to the Board of~~
24 ~~Regents of the Murray State College of Technology.~~ Copies of the

1 proclamation shall be filed with the Governor, the Secretary of
2 State, and the Secretary of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma
3 Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

4 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3511, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 3511. The state educational institution located at
7 Wilburton and formerly designated as Eastern Oklahoma State College
8 of Agriculture and Applied Science shall be known as and its
9 official name shall be Eastern Oklahoma State College; and the
10 governing control of the institution and all of its property, assets
11 and obligations shall be ~~transferred to~~ under the control of the
12 Board of Regents of ~~Eastern Oklahoma State College, which is hereby~~
13 ~~created~~ Community Colleges.

14 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3511.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 3511.1 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
17 Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs
18 available to the people of McAlester.

19 B. The State Regents for Higher Education shall provide classes
20 and programs through a branch of Eastern Oklahoma State College,
21 which shall be established and located in McAlester. The branch at
22 McAlester of Eastern Oklahoma State College shall be governed by the
23 Board of Regents of ~~Eastern Oklahoma State College~~ Community
24 Colleges and administered through Eastern Oklahoma State College.

1 The Board of Regents of ~~Eastern Oklahoma State College~~ Community
2 Colleges may provide resources to the branch campus of Eastern
3 Oklahoma State College to maintain its facilities in accordance with
4 its function and mission as provided by law. The people locally
5 shall provide suitable physical plant accommodations for the branch
6 at McAlester.

7 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3707, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 3707. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
10 Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs
11 available to the people of Enid.

12 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
13 provide courses and programs through a branch campus of Northern
14 Oklahoma College, which shall be established and located in Enid.
15 The branch campus of Northern Oklahoma College at Enid shall be
16 governed by the Board of Regents of ~~Northern Oklahoma College~~
17 Community Colleges and administered through Northern Oklahoma
18 College. The Board of Regents of ~~Northern Oklahoma College~~
19 Community Colleges may provide resources to the branch campus of
20 Northern Oklahoma College at Enid to maintain its facilities in
21 accordance with its function and mission as provided by law.

22 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4413, is
23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 4413. ~~A.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
2 Education shall have authority to establish a two-year community
3 college in Tulsa County to serve Tulsa County and surrounding area,
4 if provision is made locally for the donation, to the State of
5 Oklahoma, of a suitable site for the college, which shall be known
6 as the Tulsa Community College and shall be an integral part of The
7 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and shall be entitled to
8 the same privileges and be subject to the same laws as other member
9 institutions of such State System.

10 ~~B. After the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have~~
11 ~~acted to establish the Tulsa Community College, there shall be~~
12 ~~created the Board of Regents of the Tulsa Community College, which~~
13 ~~shall consist of seven (7) members, to be appointed by the Governor,~~
14 ~~by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Four members of~~
15 ~~said Board shall be residents of Tulsa County. Appointments shall~~
16 ~~be to numbered positions on the Board, and the terms of members of~~
17 ~~the Board shall be as follows:~~

18 ~~Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
19 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1969, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

20 ~~Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
21 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1970, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

22 ~~Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
23 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1971, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

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1 ~~Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
2 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1972, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

3 ~~Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
4 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1973, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

5 ~~Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
6 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1974, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

7 ~~Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire~~
8 ~~on the 30th day of June, 1975, and each seven (7) years thereafter.~~

9 ~~Vacancies in positions on the Board shall be filled by the~~
10 ~~Governor for the unexpired term, by and with the advice and consent~~
11 ~~of the Senate. No member of the Board shall be employed upon any~~
12 ~~work to be performed in connection with the Tulsa Community College,~~
13 ~~nor shall any member of said Board enter into any contract or~~
14 ~~business transaction involving a financial consideration with the~~
15 ~~Tulsa Community College. Each member of the Board of Regents of the~~
16 ~~Tulsa Community College shall take and subscribe to the oaths~~
17 ~~required of state officials generally. Each member of the Board~~
18 ~~shall be allowed necessary travel expenses, as may be approved by~~
19 ~~the Board, pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.~~

20 ~~C. The Board of Regents of the Tulsa Community College shall be~~
21 ~~a body corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It~~
22 ~~shall annually elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a~~
23 ~~secretary, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal~~
24 ~~year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, and~~

1 ~~who shall perform such duties as the Board directs; and each of whom~~
2 ~~shall furnish a corporate surety bond payable to the State of~~
3 ~~Oklahoma, in such amount as the Board may prescribe, conditioned~~
4 ~~upon the faithful performance of his or her duties. The Board shall~~
5 ~~adopt rules as it deems necessary for the governing of the Board and~~
6 ~~the discharge of its duties, and shall cause to be kept the minutes~~
7 ~~of all meetings and transactions considered at each meeting, in a~~
8 ~~suitable book to be obtained and kept for such purpose. The Board~~
9 ~~of Regents of the Tulsa Community College shall be the governing~~
10 ~~Board of the community college and shall have the supervision and~~
11 ~~management thereof and shall have the same powers and duties as~~
12 ~~governing boards of other institutions in The Oklahoma State System~~
13 ~~of Higher Education and may do all things necessary or convenient to~~
14 ~~make the community college effective for the functions and purposes~~
15 ~~for which it shall have been established. Following the~~
16 ~~establishment of the Tulsa Community College by the Oklahoma State~~
17 ~~Regents for Higher Education, the Board of Regents of the college~~
18 ~~shall develop a comprehensive plan for implementing the functions,~~
19 ~~purposes and educational programs of the Tulsa Community College as~~
20 ~~prescribed by the State Regents in the establishment of the~~
21 ~~institution, which plan shall be submitted for review and approval~~
22 ~~of said State Regents.~~

23 ~~D. The name change from Tulsa Junior College to Tulsa Community~~
24 ~~College shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any legal~~

1 ~~relationships, bonds, contracts, supervisory authority by the Board~~
2 ~~of Regents, title to property, obligations, or any other phase or~~
3 ~~aspect of the legal status of the institution for any purpose,~~
4 ~~except that the institution shall be referred to as the "Tulsa~~
5 ~~Community College" in all future references to the institution and~~
6 ~~in all constitutional and statutory references currently in law.~~

7 ~~E. It is the intent of the Legislature that supplies, including~~
8 ~~but not limited to letterheads, which on the effective date of this~~
9 ~~section carry or are labeled with the name "Tulsa Junior College"~~
10 ~~shall be utilized after the effective date of this section until~~
11 ~~such supplies are depleted. Any new supplies ordered for use after~~
12 ~~the effective date of this section shall bear the name "Tulsa~~
13 ~~Community College". For purposes of this section, "supplies" shall~~
14 ~~not mean signs designating the name of the college.~~

15 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4418.2, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 4418.2 Wherever the laws of this state refer to this
18 institution as Altus Junior College or any other name, the reference
19 shall be deemed to be to Western Oklahoma State College. The name
20 herein prescribed shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any
21 legal relationships, bonds, contracts, supervisory authority by the
22 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, title to property,
23 obligations, or any other phase or aspect of the legal status of the
24 institution or its Board of Regents for any purpose, except that

1 this institution shall be referred to as "Western Oklahoma State
2 College" and its Board of Regents shall be referred to as the "Board
3 of Regents of ~~Western Oklahoma State College~~ Community Colleges."

4 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4420, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 4420. A. The territory comprising the County of Tulsa
7 shall be a technology center school district for vocational and/or
8 technical schools to be known as the Tulsa Community College
9 Technology Center School District; ~~and all~~. All laws applicable to
10 other technology center school districts shall apply to it, except
11 as hereinafter provided. The Board of Regents of the ~~Tulsa~~ Oklahoma
12 Community ~~College~~ Colleges shall serve as the governing board of
13 education of the district. Programs in postsecondary vocational
14 ~~and/or~~, technical ~~and/or~~ or adult education shall be offered by the
15 district, subject only to the authority herein granted to the Tulsa
16 Technology Center School District Board which shall serve as a
17 funding board for the Tulsa Community College Technology Center
18 School District. The funding board composed of the elected members
19 of the Tulsa Technology Center School District shall have the sole
20 authority to resolve and determine the submission of a proposed
21 millage or capital improvement bond issue to a vote of the
22 electorate. ~~Provided, however, that in~~ In the event of a favorable
23 action on any such question submitted resulting in a levy for the
24 support of programs to be offered by the Tulsa Community College

1 Technology Center School District, then and in that event the funds
2 so voted and derived from such levy shall be under the direct
3 supervision and control of the governing board of the Tulsa
4 Community College Technology Center School District. All funds
5 expended for operations or capital improvements are subject to
6 approval by the Tulsa Technology Center School District Board. All
7 such funds shall be expended according to rules and procedures
8 prescribed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

9 B. Not more than five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the
10 taxable property in the district may be voted on and thereafter be
11 levied annually under Section 9B, Article X of the Oklahoma
12 Constitution, for postsecondary vocational ~~and/or,~~ technical or
13 adult education purposes in the district. Proceeds of such levies
14 shall be made a part of the educational and general operating budget
15 of the Tulsa Community College and shall be allotted, budgeted and
16 expended for supplemental support of the postsecondary vocational
17 ~~and/or,~~ technical ~~and/or~~ or adult education programs offered by the
18 college in accordance with rules made by the Oklahoma State Regents
19 for Higher Education; ~~provided, however, that the.~~ The State
20 Regents shall not take into consideration this local ad valorem tax
21 revenue for supplemental support of the district technical education
22 program when allocating state-appropriated funds for support of the
23 basic community college program.

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1 C. The district may become indebted for not more than two
2 percent (2%) of the net valuation of taxable property within the
3 district for capital improvements to provide supplemental
4 accommodations for postsecondary vocational and technical education
5 programs offered at the Tulsa Community College, when such
6 indebtedness is approved by a majority of the electors of the
7 technology center school district voting on the question in an
8 election called for such purpose. Bonds in pursuance thereof shall
9 be issued in the same manner as bonds issued by boards of education
10 of other technology center school districts, and the proceeds of
11 such bonds shall be used for facilities approved by the Oklahoma
12 State Regents for Higher Education and shall be allocated, expended
13 and accounted for in accordance with rules of the State Regents.

14 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4423, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4423. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
17 Education are hereby authorized and directed to maintain two-year
18 colleges at El Reno, which shall be known as the Redlands Community
19 College, at Poteau, which shall be known as the Carl Albert State
20 College, at Seminole, which shall be known as the Seminole State
21 College, at Midwest City, which shall be known as the Rose State
22 College, and in South Oklahoma City, which shall be known as the
23 Oklahoma City Community College; ~~and, each.~~ Each of said the
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1 colleges shall be an integral and full-fledged part of The Oklahoma
2 State System of Higher Education.

3 B. Each of the colleges named above which at the time it became
4 a member of the State System was operating a technical area school
5 district program to carry out the function of postsecondary
6 technical education for the people of the district shall continue to
7 do so as then operated and in accordance with Section 4410 of this
8 title, and all property acquired by virtue of the technical area
9 school district operation shall remain as property of the technical
10 area school district and be maintained in the custody of the Board
11 of Regents of ~~the college~~ Oklahoma Community Colleges acting as the
12 governing board of the technical area school district for use by the
13 postsecondary area district program.

14 C. ~~For each of the colleges above named and identified, there~~
15 ~~shall be created a separate Board of Regents, and said Board of~~
16 ~~Regents shall consist of seven (7) members to serve seven-year~~
17 ~~overlapping terms, with members of said Board to be appointed by the~~
18 ~~Governor by and with the advice and consent of the State Senate.~~
19 ~~Each Board shall have the same powers and duties as the Board of~~
20 ~~Regents of Tulsa Community College. Four members of the Board of~~
21 ~~Regents for the colleges located at El Reno, Poteau and Seminole~~
22 ~~shall be from the county in which said college is located. Four~~
23 ~~members of the Board of Regents for Rose State College shall be~~
24 ~~residents of the original district of the college. Four members of~~

1 ~~the Board of Regents for Oklahoma City Community College shall be~~
2 ~~residents of South Oklahoma City. For purposes of this section,~~
3 ~~"South Oklahoma City" shall mean the original district of Oklahoma~~
4 ~~City Community College and the portion of Oklahoma City that lies in~~
5 ~~Cleveland County and is bounded on the west by County Line Road and~~
6 ~~on the east by Bryant Avenue.~~

7 With respect to Rose State College and Oklahoma City Community
8 College, it is further provided that the college and ~~its governing~~
9 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Community Colleges shall continue
10 to operate the technical area school district program to carry out
11 the function of postsecondary technical education for the people of
12 the technical education school district as now operated, and in
13 accordance with Section 4410 of this title.

14 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4423.1A, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4423.1A A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
17 Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs
18 available to the people of Sallisaw.

19 B. The State Regents for Higher Education shall provide classes
20 and programs through a branch of Carl Albert State College, which
21 shall be established and located in Sallisaw. The branch campus of
22 Carl Albert State College shall be governed by the Board of Regents
23 of ~~Carl Albert State College~~ Oklahoma Community Colleges and
24 administered through Carl Albert State College. The Board of

1 Regents of ~~Carl Albert State College~~ Oklahoma Community Colleges may
2 provide resources to the branch campus of Carl Albert State College
3 to maintain its facilities in accordance with its function and
4 mission as provided by law. The people locally shall provide
5 suitable physical plant accommodations for the branch campus.

6 SECTION 16. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3407.2, is
7 hereby repealed.

8 SECTION 17. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3512, is
9 hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 18. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 3702, 3703,
11 3704, 3705 and 3706, are hereby repealed.

12 SECTION 19. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4418, is
13 hereby repealed.

14 SECTION 20. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall become
15 effective July 1, 2016.

16 SECTION 21. Sections 7 through 19 of this act shall become
17 effective January 1, 2017.

18 SECTION 22. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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