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# SENATE BILL NO. 334

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 174.030, 174.310, and 174.332, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to boards of regents of state colleges and universities.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 174.030, 174.310, and 174.332, RSMo, are repealed  
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 174.030,  
3 174.310, and 174.332, to read as follows:

174.030. The board of regents of each state teachers college located in the  
2 districts described in subdivisions (1) [through] **to** (4) of section 174.010 may in  
3 its discretion change the name of its college as provided by section 174.020 by  
4 eliminating from the name of the institution the words "teachers college" or any  
5 of such words and to add the word "university" in lieu of the word "college", and  
6 to change the name of the board as provided by section 174.040 by eliminating  
7 therefrom the word "teachers" and to add thereto the word "university" in lieu of  
8 the word "college"; and thereafter the institutions and boards shall have and  
9 enjoy the same rights and privileges as are granted to [teachers] colleges by law,  
10 but this section shall not be construed to grant authority to [such institutions to  
11 confer postgraduate degrees except those which may be necessary to the training  
12 of teachers for the free public schools of the state, or degrees other than those in  
13 education and arts and sciences, nor does it] grant additional powers or  
14 authorities to those institutions or those boards not enjoyed by other colleges or  
15 boards whose names are not changed; provided that nothing in this section shall  
16 be construed to limit the missions, degree programs, powers or authorities  
17 granted to those institutions or boards under section 173.030 and section 174.450.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

174.310. 1. There shall be a period of orderly transition which shall begin  
2 with the appointment of the board of regents, during which the St. Louis board  
3 of education shall convey by gift, the buildings, facilities, equipment, and  
4 adjoining eight acres, more or less, of realty located at 3026 Laclede Avenue, St.  
5 Louis, Missouri, which currently serves as the campus of Harris-Stowe State  
6 College, to the board of regents, and during which time the St. Louis board of  
7 education, at its own expense, shall continue to provide necessary supporting  
8 services to Harris-Stowe State College. The transition period shall terminate no  
9 later than July 1, 1979, at which time the regents shall be responsible for every  
10 aspect of the college's operation.

11 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary,  
12 the board of regents of Harris-Stowe State College is authorized to offer  
13 [undergraduate degree programs with an emphasis on selected applied  
14 professional disciplines] **baccalaureate degree programs and graduate**  
15 **degree programs** that will meet the needs of the St. Louis metropolitan  
16 area. Such programs shall be subject to approval by the coordinating board for  
17 higher education as provided for in [subdivision] **subdivisions (1) and (2)** of  
18 subsection 2 of section 173.005.

19 3. The state shall, effective July 1, 1978, provide the necessary funds to  
20 fully staff and operate Harris-Stowe State College and to make appropriate  
21 capital improvements.

22 4. On and after August 28, 2005, Harris-Stowe State College shall be  
23 known as Harris-Stowe State University, and the provisions contained in  
24 subsections 1 to 3 of this section shall continue to apply to the institution.

174.332. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 174.050 to the  
2 contrary, the board of regents of Northwest Missouri State University shall be  
3 composed of nine members, eight of whom shall be voting members and one who  
4 shall be a nonvoting member. Not more than four voting members shall belong  
5 to any one political party. Not more than two voting members shall be residents  
6 of the same county. The appointed members of the board serving on August 28,  
7 2008, shall continue to serve until the expiration of the terms for which the  
8 appointed members were appointed and until such time a successor is duly  
9 appointed.

10 2. The board of regents shall be appointed as follows:

11 (1) Six voting members shall be residents of the university's historic  
12 statutory service region, [as described in section 174.010 and modified by section

13 174.250,] provided at least one member shall be a resident of Nodaway  
14 County. **For the sole purpose of determining the composition of the**  
15 **board of regents, the university's historic statutory service region shall**  
16 **consist of the counties of Atchison, Andrew, Caldwell, Carroll, Clay,**  
17 **Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Livingston,**  
18 **Mercer, Nodaway, Ray, and Worth;**

19 (2) Two voting members shall be residents of a county in the state that  
20 is outside the university's historic statutory service region, as described in  
21 [section 174.010 and modified by section 174.250] **subdivision (1) of this**  
22 **subsection**, provided these two members shall not be appointed from the same  
23 congressional district; and

24 (3) One nonvoting member shall be a full-time student of the university,  
25 a United States citizen, and a resident of Missouri.

26 3. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a  
27 quorum for the transaction of business; however, no appropriation of money nor  
28 any contract that shall require any appropriation or disbursement of money shall  
29 be made, nor teacher employed or dismissed, unless a majority of the voting  
30 members of the board vote for the same.

31 4. Except as specifically provided in this section, the appointments and  
32 terms of office for the voting and nonvoting members of the board, and all other  
33 duties and responsibilities of the board, shall comply with the provisions of state  
34 law regarding boards of regents.

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