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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 174.020, 174.230, 174.231, 174.233 and 174.241, RSMo, relating to Missouri southern state college, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Sections 174.020, 174.230, 174.231, 174.233 and 174.241, RSMo, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 174.020, 174.230, 174.231, 174.232, 174.233 and 174.241 to read as follows:

174.020. 1. State institutions of higher education governed by sections 174.020 to 174.320 shall be named and known as follows: the institution at Warrensburg, Johnson County, shall hereafter be known as the "Central Missouri State University"; the institution at Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, shall hereafter be known as the "Southeast Missouri State University"; the institution at Springfield, Greene County, shall hereafter be known as the "Southwest Missouri State University"; the institution at Maryville, Nodaway County, shall hereafter be known as the "Northwest Missouri State University"; the college at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, shall hereafter be known as the "Missouri Western State College"; the college at Joplin, Jasper County, shall hereafter be known as the "Missouri Southern [State College] **University-Joplin**"; and the college in the city of St. Louis shall be known as "Harris-Stowe State College".

2. References in the statutes in this state to such institutions whether denominated colleges or universities in such statutes shall continue to apply to the applicable institution.

3. When the conditions set forth in section 178.631, RSMo, met, the technical college

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

located in Osage County, commonly known as the East Campus of Linn Technical College, shall be known as "Linn State Technical College".

174.230. 1. Other provisions of law notwithstanding, if the facilities of the present Jasper County Junior College district are made available, there shall be established in Jasper County, Missouri, a state college, which shall make available those third and fourth year college level courses that lead to a baccalaureate degree.

2. This state college shall in the year 1967, or at such a time as the present Jasper County Junior College district has acquired a campus for a third and fourth year college which meets the requirements established by the board of curators of Missouri University and its enrollment trends constitute sufficient justification for the operation of a four year college in the opinion of the board, whichever occurs later, become an independent two year state senior college, to be known as the "Missouri Southern [State College] **University-Joplin**". Its district shall be coterminous with that of the Jasper County Junior College district.

174.231. The Missouri Southern [State College] **University-Joplin** located in Joplin, Jasper County, is hereby designated a moderately selective institution which shall provide associate and baccalaureate degree programs which meet the needs of the citizens, businesses, and industries of its service area as defined in section 174.010, as well as counties contiguous to Jasper County. The institution shall develop such academic support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission. Consistent with the provisions of section 174.324, Missouri Southern [State College] **University-Joplin** is authorized to offer master's level degree programs in accountancy, subject to the approval of the coordinating board for higher education as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005, RSMo.

174.232. On and after July 1, 2003, the institution formerly known as Missouri Southern State College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as "Missouri Southern University-Joplin".

174.233. Degree programs offered by Missouri Southern [State College] **University-Joplin** prior to August 28, 1995, that have been approved by the coordinating board for higher education may be continued by the board of regents. Within twelve months of August 28, 1995, the board of regents shall submit to the coordinating board for its review and approval a three-year plan outlining admissions requirements, program changes, institutional performance goals, assessment measures, and fees appropriate to its statutory mission. Pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005, RSMo, the coordinating board shall review and may approve all proposed new degree programs contained in the three-year plan.

174.241. 1. The board of regents of Missouri Western State College and the board of regents for Missouri Southern [State College] **University-Joplin** shall consist of six members each, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate,

and shall be responsible for the administration of its college. All persons appointed to either board of regents shall be citizens of the United States and shall have been residents of the state of Missouri for two successive years next preceding the date of their appointment[, shall be residents of the district in which the college is located,] and not more than three members of either board of regents shall belong to the same political party.

2. Persons appointed to the board of regents of Missouri Western State College shall be residents of the district in which the college is located. Persons appointed to the board of regents of Missouri Southern University-Joplin shall be residents of the area within a one hundred mile radius of the district in which the college is located.

3. The term of service of the members of both boards of regents shall be six years, the term of one member expiring each year, except that of the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of five years, and one for a term of six years. The governor shall first appoint members to each board of regents prior to October 13, 1975.

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