

1-1 By: Farabee (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 602
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2009;
1-3 April 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; April 17, 2009, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 17, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to designation of Midwestern State University as a public
1-9 liberal arts university.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 103.07, Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 103.07. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES. The board shall
1-14 build and operate a public liberal arts university [~~state college~~]
1-15 of the first rank to offer the university's students, consistent
1-16 with the university's mission, preparation for excellence in a
1-17 variety of careers and exploration of a variety of interests. The
1-18 university [~~that will compare favorably with the other splendid~~
1-19 ~~colleges in Texas in the preparation of youth for the varied~~
1-20 ~~interests and industries in the section in which the university is~~
1-21 ~~located, and this college~~] shall be equipped as necessary
1-22 [~~adequately~~] to do its work as well as comparable public
1-23 institutions of higher education in this state [~~other state~~
1-24 ~~colleges~~].

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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