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S.B. No. 255

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to designation of Midwestern State University as a public
3 liberal arts university.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 103.07, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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