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Dear Mr. Burch:

This opinion is in response to your letter of November 24, 1967, in which you ask whether the Board of Regents of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College has the authority to delete the word "Teachers" from the name of the college and from the title of the board.

The Board of Regents of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College has the power to change the name of this institution to Northeast Missouri State College, and the name of the board of regents to the Board of Regents for the Northeast Missouri State College. Section 174.030, RSMo 1959, expressly authorizes the board of regents to eliminate the word "Teachers" from the name of the institution and to eliminate the word "Teachers" from the name of the board.

"The board of regents of each state teachers college shall have power in its discretion to change the name of its college as provided by section 174.020 by eliminating therefrom the word 'teachers', and to change the name of said board as provided by section 174.040 by eliminating therefrom the word 'teachers'; and thereafter said colleges and said boards shall have and enjoy the same rights and privileges as are granted to teachers colleges by law, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to grant authority to confer post graduate degrees except such degrees as may be necessary to the training

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of teachers for the free public schools of the state or degrees other than those in education and arts and sciences, nor does it grant additional powers or authorities to said colleges or to said boards not enjoyed by other colleges or boards whose names are not changed." Section 174.030, RSMo 1959.

Section 174.030 refers to Section 174.040 therefore, the board of regents under the name of the Board of Regents for the Northeast Missouri State College would have all the powers granted by Section 174.040.

Very truly yours,

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