

Sec. 3. The need to standardize fees of office and traveling expenses of Directors of river authorities, and the need to encourage more active participation by such Directors in the business of such river authorities in order to plan, conserve and develop the waters of the state create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, April 18, 1963: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, May 8, 1963, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 18, 1963.

Effective 90 days after May 24, 1963, date of adjournment.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS—ACQUISITION OF LAND

CHAPTER 183

S. B. No. 392

An Act authorizing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas to acquire by purchase or otherwise for the use and benefit of The University of Texas Medical Branch certain properties in the City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas; providing the method of payment; provisions relating to the existing power of eminent domain of the Board of Regents to acquire land for the use of The University of Texas Medical Branch; exempting the Regents from depositing bond as provided in Section 2 of Article 3268, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The Board of Regents of The University of Texas is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase or otherwise for the use and benefit of The University of Texas Medical Branch any part, parcel, or all of the lands adjacent to the Medical Branch campus in the City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas, described as follows:

Lots 1-7, Block 488; Lots 1-7, Block 489; Lots 1-7, Block 490; Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, Block 547; Lots 8-14, Block 548; Lots 1-14, Block 549; Lots 1-14, Block 550; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 610; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, Block 671; according to the Galveston City Company's map of said city in common use; and to pay for the same from gifts, grants, donations, University Available Fund, and Permanent University Fund bond proceeds.

Sec. 2. The title to said land shall be taken in the name of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas and shall be subject to the control and management of the Board of Regents in the same manner and to the extent that other lands are held and controlled by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas. The Board of Regents of The University of Texas may use its existing power of eminent domain to acquire for the use and benefit of The University of Texas Medical Branch the above described lands in the manner prescribed in Title 52, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, as amended. If the purchase price cannot be agreed upon the Board of Regents is hereby authorized and empowered to institute condemnation proceedings for such land.

Sec. 3. The taking of such property is hereby declared to be for the use of the state, and the Board of Regents of The University of Texas

shall not be required to deposit a bond or the amount equal to the awarding of damages by the commissioners as provided in Section 2 of Article 3268, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

Sec. 4. The fact, that the Board of Regents of The University of Texas is in need of additional land for the expansion of the campus of The University of Texas Medical Branch in the City of Galveston, Texas, and the fact that such lands are needed for the proper development of The University of Texas Medical Branch, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, April 18, 1963: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House,

May 8, 1963: Yeas 148, Nays 0.

Approved May 18, 1963.

Effective May 18, 1963.

COURT REPORTERS—10TH, 56TH, AND 122ND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS—COMPENSATION

CHAPTER 184

S. B. No. 447

An Act relating to the Official Shorthand Reporters of the Tenth, Fifty-Sixth, and One Hundred Twenty-Second Judicial Districts of Texas; re-enacting and amending Acts of the 55th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1957, Chapter 12, by fixing the maximum and minimum salary and method of determining same, and by fixing the fee for transcript; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Acts of the 55th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1957, Chapter 12 (codified by Vernon's as Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, Article 2326j—1)¹⁹ is hereby re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Judges of the Tenth, Fifty-Sixth, and One Hundred Twenty-Second Judicial Districts of Texas, composed of the County of Galveston, shall each appoint an official shorthand reporter for his respective Judicial District in the manner now provided for District Courts in this state; who shall have the same qualifications and whose duties shall in every respect be the same as now provided by law. Each of said official shorthand reporters shall receive a salary of not less than Sixty-six Hundred Dollars (\$6600.00) per annum, nor more than Ninety-six Hundred Dollars (\$9600.00) per annum, said salary to be fixed and determined by the District Judges of the Tenth, Fifty-Sixth, and One Hundred Twenty-Second Judicial Districts composed of Galveston County, and said salary shall be in addition to transcript fees which shall not be more than thirty cents (30¢) per one hundred (100) words. Said salary when so fixed and determined by the District Judges of said respective Judicial Districts shall be paid monthly out of the General Fund, or the Jury Fund, or out of any fund available for the purpose as may be determined by the County Commissioners Court. From and after the passage of this Act all provisions relating to official shorthand reporters and their duties

19. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 2326j—1.