

Sec. 2. On account of the near approach of the end of the Session, the crowded condition of the Calendar, and the necessity of the State's reimbursing an official for money erroneously paid into the Treasury of the State of Texas, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring that bills be read on three several days be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, May 6, 1947: Yeas 123, Nays 6; passed the Senate, May 15, 1947: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS—TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

CHAPTER 300 ³

H. B. No. 821

An Act authorizing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas to accept title for and in behalf of the State of Texas for the use and benefit of The University of Texas of any and all lands to be donated as sites needed for the location within the Texas Medical Center at Houston of the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research, the Dental College of The University of Texas, a School of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center; authorizing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas to remove and locate said Hospital and Dental College on said sites; authorizing the Board of Regents to establish and operate within said Center on sites donated for said purpose a School of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center; providing for the sale of the property now belonging to the Dental College of The University of Texas at Houston, upon the removal and relocation of said College in said Medical Center; authorizing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas to accept gifts or donations for the purposes of this Act and reappropriating any unexpended balance from funds appropriated by Chapter 548, Acts, Regular Session, Forty-seventh Legislature, to be used for purposes of this Act; and declaring an emergency.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, There has been established by the Trustees of the M. D. Anderson Foundation, a Twenty Million Dollar (\$20,000,000) nonprofit charitable trust estate in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, what is known and designated as "The Texas Medical Center" consisting of a plot of one hundred and sixty-three (163) acres of land as a site for said Center, upon which site there are to be located certain research laboratories, teaching institutions and training hospitals to be devoted to medical and dental education and research, which is destined to become one of the world's greatest medical centers; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Medical Center has been incorporated under the laws of Texas "exclusively for benevolent, charitable and educational purposes in order to promote and provide for or assist in the establishment, support and maintenance of facilities for medical, dental and nursing education and other phases of health and medical education, for hospitalization and treatment of the sick and afflicted and for research in the field of health and science and medicine and dentistry"; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of The University of Texas in conjunction with the M. D. Anderson Foundation under the provisions of Chapter 548, Acts, Regular Session, Forty-seventh Legislature (1941) has established and is now operating in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, "The M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research," which institution is devoted to the diagnosis, teaching, study, prevention and treatment of cancer and allied diseases, and the Board of Regents of The

³ Vernon's Ann.Civ.St., art. 2603f.

University of Texas is now operating a Dental College of The University of Texas under the provisions of Chapter 329, Acts, Regular Session, Forty-eighth Legislature (1943), in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Medical Center has invited to itself numerous teaching, research and clinical institutions to constitute this great health Center, but each separate institution to retain completely its own identity and to remain under the control and management of its separate governing boards, including a proposal that the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research and the Dental College of The University of Texas become a part of the Texas Medical Center and be located on the sites provided therefor; and that the Board of Regents of The University of Texas establish and operate within said Medical Center a School of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center on sites to be donated therefor; and

WHEREAS, The M. D. Anderson Foundation is ready and willing to donate and to convey to the State of Texas for the use and benefit of The University of Texas the sites needed for the location and erection thereon of buildings and other permanent improvements for the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research, the Dental College of The University of Texas, a School of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center, and to continue to aid and assist in the operation of the Texas Medical Center and said M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research if the State will accept same for the purposes of locating said institutions in said Medical Center; now, therefore

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 to select and to accept for and in behalf of the State of Texas for the use and benefit of The University of Texas title by proper conveyance or conveyances from the M. D. Anderson Foundation or other owner or owners thereof to all land within the boundaries of the plot of land designated in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, as "The Texas Medical Center" as the sites needed for the location, operation and maintenance thereon of the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research, the Dental College of The University of Texas, a School of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center. Before title to said property can be accepted by said Board of Regents, however, the owner or owners of said land must furnish to said Board an abstract or other satisfactory certificate of title thereto, showing good and merchantable title, free of all liens, in the grantor named in said conveyances to the Board of Regents and said title thereof must first receive the written approval of the Attorney General of this State. The Board of Regents of The University of Texas, whenever it deems it advisable to do so, is hereby authorized to remove, locate, operate and maintain on said sites so selected and acquired the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research and the Dental College of The University of Texas. As soon as the Dental College has been properly removed and located on said site as provided for herein, the said Board is further authorized to sell and convey, at either a public or private sale, the property belonging to the State of Texas and now used by said Dental College of The University of Texas in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, said sale to be either for cash or on credit as said Board may determine to be for the best interest of the State. The title to said real estate now used as a site for the Dental College of The University of Texas shall be conveyed to the purchaser by proper deed duly executed under the authority and direction of the Board of Regents and the title to any personal property so sold shall be passed to the purchaser by a proper bill of sale duly executed and delivered under the direction and by authority of said Board. The proceeds derived from the sale of any of said property as and when collected shall be used by said Board of Regents in the erection of additional

buildings or other permanent improvements or for the equipment of said Dental College as said Board may determine to be for the best interest of said institution. The Board of Regents of The University of Texas is hereby authorized to establish and operate within the Texas Medical Center at Houston a school of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center.

Sec. 2. The Board of Regents of The University of Texas is hereby authorized to accept gifts or donations for the purposes of this Act. There is hereby reappropriated for each of the fiscal years of the biennium beginning September 1, 1947, and ending August 31, 1949, any unexpended balance remaining in the fund appropriated by Chapter 548 (H.B. No. 268), Acts, Regular Session, Forty-seventh Legislature, to be used in connection with the establishment, equipping and operation of the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research at Houston, Texas.

Sec. 3. The fact that the location of the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research and the Dental College of The University of Texas within the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Harris County, Texas, will add greatly to the efficiency and economy in teaching, research and clinical instruction by said institutions, and the further fact that the establishment and operation within the Texas Medical Center of a School of Public Health and a Preceptorial Training Center will be in the interest of the public health of the people of this State, and the further fact that the M. D. Anderson Foundation has pledged Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) towards the payment of construction costs in the location of said institutions in said site and the ex-students of the University are now engaged in a campaign to raise the sum of Three Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000) by public subscription for this purpose 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 this Act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, May 6, 1947: Yeas 113, Nays 7; House concurred in Senate amendments, May 8, 1947: Yeas 113, Nays 0; passed the Senate, as amended, May 8, 1947: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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HIDALGO COUNTY—DONATION OF TAXES

CHAPTER 301

S. B. No. 74

An Act amending Section 3 of Chapter 401 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, relating to the granting and donating of certain taxes on all property in Hidalgo County, by changing the period in said Act from the years 1935 to 1948, both inclusive, to the years 1935 to 1954, both inclusive; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County, Texas, for a period of time beginning in the year 1919 and recurring at frequent intervals up until the present time, has been visited by calamitous overflows, floods, storms and freezes, resulting in great loss of life and great damage to property and crops, all of which amounted to great public calamities to the State of Texas and to the people and property within said County; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County is located in close proximity to the point where the Rio Grande enters the Gulf of Mexico and by virtue of said location is on the Gulf Coast and is subject to calamitous overflows, floods, tropical storms and hurricanes from the Gulf of Mexico; now, therefore,