

**SALE OF UNIVERSITY LAND IN GALVESTON FOR  
PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL****CHAPTER 257<sup>33</sup>****S. B. No. 473**

**An Act authorizing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, in consideration of the payment to it of the appraised value, to convey to the Trustees of the Sealy-Smith Foundation certain land in the City of Galveston, Texas, for the purpose of constructing thereon a psychopathic hospital; prescribing procedures and conditions for the sale of this property; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.**

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

**Section 1.** In consideration of the payment by the Trustees of the Sealy-Smith Foundation of Galveston, Texas, of a sum equal to its appraised value, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas is hereby authorized to sell and convey to the Trustees of the Sealy-Smith Foundation the following described land in the City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas:

Being all, or any part thereof, of that certain tract or parcel of land, to wit: Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block 667 of the City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas.

**Sec. 2.** The Chairman of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, following specific affirmative action by the Board, and upon receipt of the agreed consideration, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver to the Trustees of the Sealy-Smith Foundation a proper instrument conveying title to the property described in Section 1 of this Act.

**Sec. 3.** The proceeds from the sale of this property to the Sealy-Smith Foundation shall be a part of the local funds of the Medical Branch of The University of Texas for the use and benefit of the Medical Branch and the consideration received from the sale of this property is hereby appropriated for this purpose.

**Sec. 4.** The land herein authorized to be conveyed is to be used as a site of a psychopathic hospital, and in the event the land is not so utilized the title to the same shall revert to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas.

**Sec. 5.** No state funds, either local, from the general revenue, or from other sources, shall be used for the constructing or equipping of this hospital facility.

**Sec. 6.** Title to the hospital facility shall remain in the name of the Trustees of the Sealy-Smith Foundation and such property shall not hereafter be sold, granted, leased or in any manner conveyed to the Medical Branch of The University of Texas, or to The University of Texas. The psychopathic hospital facility to be erected by the Sealy-Smith Foundation shall be operated by the Medical Branch of The University of Texas as an integral part of the hospital operations of the Medical Branch, but without cost or expense to the Medical Branch or to the state for maintenance, operations, repairs, or otherwise.

**Sec. 7.** By agreement between the Board of Regents of The University of Texas and the Trustees of the Sealy-Smith Foundation, the purpose or use of this hospital facility to be constructed by the Sealy-Smith Foundation may be changed to any other purpose or use consistent with the

**33.** Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 2603h.

purposes of the Foundation and with the operation of a medical school; provided, however, that no agreement shall be made which will impose upon the Medical Branch or the State of Texas any obligation for maintenance, operation, repairs, or otherwise.

Sec. 8. The fact that the authority of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas to convey this property without specific legislative authorization is questionable, and that the land as located can best be utilized as a site for the establishment of a psychopathic hospital without cost to the state for construction or operation, creates 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 take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, May 6, 1957: Yeas 30, Nays 0; subject to provisions of Section 49A, Article III, of Constitution of State of Texas; passed the House, May 9, 1957: Yeas 116, Nays 0; subject to the provisions of Section 49A, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

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**HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT—  
RETIREMENT, DISABILITY AND DEATH  
COMPENSATION FUND**

**CHAPTER 258<sup>34</sup>**

**S. B. No. 474**

**An Act to authorize and empower the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, the governing body of the Harris County Flood Control District, to provide for and administer a retirement, disability and death compensation fund for the appointive officers and employees of the District; providing for the investment, reinvestment and change of investment of such funds; authorizing the governing body of said District to adopt a plan or plans of effectuating the purpose of this Act, to provide rules and regulations governing all such compensation and from time to time change any such plan, rule or regulation; providing that the contribution of such fund by the District shall be from the operating and maintenance fund of said District; making the Act cumulative of all other laws on the subject; providing that unconstitutionality of any part of the Act shall not invalidate the remainder; and declaring an emergency.**

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

Section 1. The governing body of the Harris County Flood Control District shall have the right to provide for and administer a retirement, disability and death compensation fund for the appointive officers and employees of the District as the governing body of the District may from time to time determine; and the governing body of said District shall have power and authority to adopt such plan or plans to effectuate the purpose of this Act, including such forms of insurance or annuities, (either or both), all as may be determined advisable by the governing

<sup>34</sup>. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 8280—120  
note.