

CHAPTER 922

H.B. No. 1911

An Act relating to the authority of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to select and acquire a site for a Super-conducting Super Collider Accelerator project.

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

SECTION 1. Section 65.33, Education Code, is amended by redesignating Subsection (c) as Subsection (d) and by adding a new Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) In the event that the federal government awards the Super-conducting Super Collider Accelerator project to one or more institutions of higher education in the State of Texas, one of which is a component of The University of Texas System and/or The Texas A&M University System, and the governor with the advice of the Houston Area Research Center Board determines

that the board of regents of The University of Texas System should select the site for the construction of this project on permanent university fund lands, the board shall use its best efforts to find a suitable site on permanent university fund lands. If the board determines that it is not feasible to locate the project wholly on permanent university fund lands and the legislature has appropriated funds for such purpose, the board may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire, on behalf of the state, title and right-of-way easements in such land in addition to permanent university fund lands as the board may determine is necessary and appropriate for the project. If a component of both The University of Texas System and The Texas A&M University System are members of the consortium that is awarded the Super-conducting Super Collider Accelerator project, the board of regents of The University of Texas System shall not proceed to select a site and to exercise the power of eminent domain without a resolution of concurrence from the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(d) [(e)] The taking of the property is declared to be for the use of the state. The board shall not be required to deposit a bond or the amount equal to the award of damages by the commissioners as provided in Paragraph 2, Article 3268, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses 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 this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 2, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1911 on May 26, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1985, by a viva-voce vote.

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