CHAPTER 962

S.B. No. 1224

An Act relating to the conveyance of certain land in Tyler County under the control of the General Land Office in exchange for certain land in Cherokee County under the control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE BY LAND OFFICE. The Commissioner of the General Land Office may convey to the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System the following described real property:

Being two (2) tracts containing 36.38 acres and 134.31 acres respectively, out of the Texas Central Railroad Company Survey, Abstract 783, Tyler County, Texas, also described as Tract 1 and Tract 2, S.F. 15817, in the records of the General Land Office, identified as surveyed and unsold vacant school lands by action of the Commissioner of the General Land Office on January 10, 1957.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. The tracts described in Section 1 of this Act are owned by the state on behalf of the public free school fund. As consideration for the conveyance authorized by Section 1 of this Act, the commissioner may accept title to the real property described in Section 3 of this Act, which is under the control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

SECTION 3. CONVEYANCE BY A&M. The board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may convey to the General Land Office for the use and benefit of the public free school fund the following described real property:

Being 156.17 acres, more or less, out of the Robert Walters Survey, Abstract No. 887, Cherokee County, Texas, being comprised of two (2) certain tracts of land called to contain 133.34 acres and 24.31 acres (total called acreage 157.65) conveyed to the State of Texas by the New Birmingham Land and Iron Company by deed dated January 2, 1890 and recorded in Volume 1, page 177 of the Deed Records of Cherokee County, Texas.

SECTION 4. CONSIDERATION. As consideration for the conveyance authorized by Section 3 of this Act, the board may accept title to the tracts described in Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 5. INTERESTS CONVEYED. A conveyance authorized by this Act shall be of fee simple title to all surface and mineral rights of the granting party. All instruments of conveyance shall be in the form required by law.

SECTION 6. APPRAISAL. Property may not be conveyed under this Act until an appraisal by a qualified real estate appraiser is provided for each tract to be conveyed. The appraised value of the tract described in Section 3 of this Act must be equal to or greater than the appraised value of the tract described in Section 1 of this Act as of the date of the conveyance.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. 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 the Senate on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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