

CHAPTER 180

S.B. No. 327

AN ACT

relating to designation of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory as an agency of higher education and to employees' eligibility to participate in retirement systems and personnel benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (6), Section 61.003, Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Other agency of higher education" means The University of Texas System, System Administration; Texas Western University Museum; Texas A&M University System, Administrative and General Offices; Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service (a

part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service); Texas Engineering Experiment Station (including the Texas Transportation Institute); Texas Engineering Extension Service; Texas Forest Service; Texas Tech University Museum; Texas State University System, System Administration; Sam Houston Memorial Museum; Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum; Cotton Research Committee of Texas; Water Resources Institute of Texas; *Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory*; and any other unit, division, institution, or agency which shall be so designated by statute or which may be established to operate as a component part of any public senior college or university, or which may be so classified as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 1, Chapter 17, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 7465b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There is hereby created an agency of the State of Texas to be known as the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. It shall not be a part of *The Texas A&M University System* ~~[or unit of any institution or system of higher education of the state]~~ but it shall be under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Board of *Regents* ~~[Directors]~~ of *The Texas A&M University System*. The said Board of *Regents* ~~[Directors]~~ shall staff the agency with an executive director and such other employees necessary for the proper functioning thereof, *and such executive director and employees shall be eligible to participate in the same retirement systems and personnel benefits available to employees of The Texas A&M University System.*

SECTION 3. Section 2, Chapter 17, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 7465b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 4. 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.

Passed the Senate on March 5, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 26, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.