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## Chapter VI - Education/Schools

### Board of Education

#### Private Acts of 1989 Chapter 62

**SECTION 1.** The County Board of Education of Crockett County shall consist of seven (7) members with one (1) to be elected from each of the six school districts and one (1) to be elected from the county at-large. Members elected from school districts shall reside within and be qualified voters of the school district which they represent. The member elected at-large shall reside within in and be a qualified voter of Crockett County.

Beginning with the 1990 regular August election, and biennially thereafter as the terms of office of the members of the Board of Education expire, members of such board shall be elected for a term of office of four (4) years to begin on the first day of September next succeeding their election and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

**SECTION 2.** Prior to January 31, 1990, the county legislative body of Crockett County shall meet and, a majority of the members being present, shall establish six (6) school districts of substantially equal populations and such districts shall be designated as school districts one (1) through six (6), respectively. Such districts may be established by using the districts of the county legislative body. If such school districts are not established by such date, then the vacancies on the county Board of Education to be filled in the 1990 regular August election shall be filled by candidates elected from the county at large.

Prior to January 1, 1992, and at least every ten (10) years thereafter, the county legislative body of Crockett County shall meet and , a majority of the members being present, shall change the boundaries of the school districts so that the members of the Board of Education represent substantially equal populations. The county legislative body must use the latest Federal Census data whenever a reapportionment of the school districts is made after January 1, 1992.

School districts shall be reasonably compact and contiguous and shall not overlap. In the establishment of boundaries for school districts, no precinct shall be split.

**SECTION 3.** The duties and compensation of the members shall be as provided by law.

**SECTION 4.** Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which he was elected.

Until their successors are elected as hereafter provided, the following shall constitute and compose the Board of Education of Crockett County:

Jimmy Hargett whose term expired July 1, 1987; Bennie Parlow whose term expires July 1, 1989; Sam Cotten whose term expires July 1, 1990; Mack Goode whose term expires July 1, 1991; M.V. Williams whose term expires July 1, 1992; Richard Freeman whose term expires July 1, 1993; and Richard Matthews whose term expires July 1, 1995.

As the terms of the incumbent members expire, the county legislative body shall fill such vacancy until September 1 following the next regular August election. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any such incumbent member, such vacancy shall be filled only until September 1 following the next regular August election at which time such vacancy shall be filled pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Members of the Board of Education shall not be elected for school districts represented by the incumbent members until there is a vacancy in such school district.

At the 1990 regular August election, the office of such member whose term expires in 1989 shall be designated as the office to be elected from the county at-large. Any candidates for such office shall designate and be qualified to run for the member-at-large office. Members elected to serve in such office and the office of such member whose term expired in 1990 shall be elected for four (4) year terms. The office of such member whose term expired in 1987 and whose office has not been filled shall also be filled at the 1990 August election for a four (4) year term. Thereafter all terms shall be for four (4) years, as provided in Section 1.

**SECTION 5.** This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Crockett county. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 6.** For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon

being approved as provided in Section 5.

Passed: April 13, 1989.

## Crockett Mills High School District

### Private Acts of 1921 Chapter 781

**SECTION 1.** That a Special School District be and the same is hereby created and established, embracing and being all of the Ninth and part of the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Civil Districts of Crockett County, Tennessee, including the town of Crockett Mills, to be known and designated as the "Crockett Mills High School District," with the following boundaries:

Starting at point where State Highway 152 intersects Buck Creek, follow Buck Creek to its junction with middle fork of Forked Deere River, thence along the meanders of Forked Deere North to Eaton Levee. West on Friendship-Eaton Road to Jackson's Store, thence south on Elizabeth-Crockett Mills Road to Leath's Corner, west on Friendship Road to Ballentine's Corner, then south to Crockett Mills-Friendship road, following Creek 300 yards South to Crockett Mills Road (Maury Junction Corner), following Crockett Mills-Maury Junction Road crossing Highway 20 and continuing to intersect of Pond Creek, following Pond Creek upstream to Brimms-Corner-Crockett Mills Road, then northeast crossing Highway 20 to Peale Road, north on Peale Road to Cairo Road, east on Cairo road, with its meanders to Alamo-Nance Road at Laman's Corner, crossing Alamo-Nance road to intersection at Highway 152, then east to starting point at Buck Creek; and this description shall be interpreted to include all lands immediately adjoining any of the boundary roads mentioned in this paragraph but shall not include any lands immediately adjoining water boundaries mentioned in this paragraph, it being the intent of the General Assembly to include within the school district all of the area and territory served by the said school district's buses.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 130

**SECTION 2.** That the officers of said Crockett Mills High School District shall consist of a Board of seven members who, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, the majority of whom shall make a quorum for transaction of business. The first Board shall consist of James C. Hamlett, Austin E. Harber, J. G. Tucker, W. H. Welch, W. C. Hefley, H. A. Dunevant and W. S. Corbett, each of whom shall be freeholders and having resided for more than six months within the above said boundaries. All vacancies that may occur in this body shall be filled by the Board, no one being eligible except those who are twenty-five years or more of age, and who are freeholders and householders within said boundaries and of good moral character and having at least an elementary school education. Said Board shall organize by electing a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of this Board.

**SECTION 3.** That said Board herein created and their successors in office shall constitute and are hereby declared the Board of Directors of "Crockett Mills High School District," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have continual succession for the purpose hereinafter designated; may have a common seal, and make such by-laws and regulations from time to time as they may deem proper herein and as is consistent with the authority herein conferred and the laws of the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of carrying into effect the object for which they are created.

**SECTION 4.** That the officers of said School District shall serve for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and that the said school officers shall be elected by the qualified voters residing in the said "Crockett Mills High School District;" provided the officers herein named shall serve until the regular August election in 1924, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

**SECTION 5.** That the powers and duties of said Board of Directors are as above and hereinafter set out, to-wit:

- (1) To establish and maintain a High School at Crockett Mills, in said district, wherein shall be taught all branches now required to be taught by the elementary and High schools of the State and in which may be taught a commercial or business course and also a course preparatory for university work at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- (2) To employ competent teachers and as many as they see proper for said school or schools, fix their salaries and for lawful reasons discharge them.
- (3) To open and close the school or schools and determine the length thereof.
- (4) To build and keep in repair school buildings, out-buildings, grounds and any other school buildings or school property that may be included in said school district or that said Board may see fit to erect, take over and maintain.
- (5) To use the school funds coming into their hands from whatever source and in such a manner as will in

their judgment and discretion best promote the interest of said school district.

(6) To order and have taken a census of the children within said district according to school laws of the State of Tennessee, and report same, properly certified, to the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to the County Trustee of Crockett County, Tennessee, as soon as practicable after the taking effect of this Act.

(7) To hold regular meetings at the time and place prescribed by them, and special meetings when called by the President, or by any four of the Board of Directors, four members to constitute a quorum of said Board.

(8) To hold in trust school property, real and personal, if in the bounds of said school district, and to dispose of same, the real estate by deed and the personal property of either public or private sale, as they in their discretion may see proper, and apply the proceeds for and to the benefit of said school district.

(9) To provide means of transportation for the children living remote from the school building or buildings within said school district, and pay for same out of any school funds that may come into their hands.

(10) To have full power to lay out and designate the routes and roads over which the means of transportation herein provided for shall pass, and the time thereof, and said transportation shall be to and from the school building or buildings within said Special School District daily while the school or schools are in session. But nothing in this Act shall be construed to give the Board of Directors of the Crockett Mills High School District any authority to expend County School Funds, of Crockett County, except in conjunction with the Board of Education of Crockett County.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 782

**SECTION 6.** That after making the report of school census as provided by the Subsection 6 of Section 5 of this Act, the County Trustee shall apportion to the said school district for the maintenance of said school or schools its per capita or pro rata share of all school funds of the county then or thereafter in his hands according to such of the 1921 funds said school districts, which it bears to that of Crockett County, and the County Trustee shall also apportion to said school district its per capita or pro rata share of the State school fund paid to said county by the State. Such school census shall be taken annually, and the funds apportioned each year thereafter as herein provided by this Act. But nothing in this Act shall be construed to violate any of the provisions of the General Law of the State, with reference to the prorating of the general school fund to the schools within said Crockett Mills High School District.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 782

**SECTION 7.** That for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the school or schools of the said school district, and for supplementing the school funds for said district, so that school terms for said school or schools may be extended and continued for nine months each year, if possible, as a free public school, there is hereby assessed for the year 1921, and for each subsequent year thereafter, a tax of sixteen cents on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable property, both real and personal, situated within said "Crockett Mills High School District," and there is also assessed for said purposes one dollar poll tax on all persons who are subject to poll tax in said district between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years of age. The basis of assessment for said tax on such property shall be the assessed value as shown by the books of the County Trustee, and all taxes assessed on real estate are a lien upon such real estate. The taxes herein assessed shall become due and be collected at the time and in the same manner as taxes under the general laws of the State by the County Trustee.

The said taxes herein provided for, together with all other school funds received from the County Trustee, shall constitute the school fund for said school district, which funds shall be under the control of said Board of School Directors for the use and benefit of the said "Crockett Mills High School District."

No part of said funds shall be paid out by the Treasurer of said school district except by order of said Board of School Directors and upon warrants properly drawn and signed by the President and Secretary of said Board of School Directors; provided, further, that no personal property of the taxpayers within said school district shall be exempt from levy or execution for their said tax assessments on personalty and polls herein assessed by this Act; and provided that the County Tax Assessor shall prepare a separate and complete list of all taxable property, both real and personal, and all polls within said school listric (sic) for the use of the County Trustee in making collection of said taxes.

As amended by:  
 Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 782  
 Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 163  
 Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 199  
 Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 168  
 Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 8  
 Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101  
 Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227  
 Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 38

**SECTION 8.** That all children living within the boundaries of said "Crockett Mills High School District" shall be entitled to the benefits of the funds arising from the provisions of this Act, and are to be entitled to free tuition in the school or schools operated by said Board of Directors as aforesaid; provided this shall apply to such children as are between the ages of six and twenty-one years of age; but no tuition shall be charged any child or children for any course of study that may be taught in any school or schools within said district under supervision of said Board.

The Board of School Directors for said school district shall have power to admit by contract persons over school age or non-residence of the district or county or State, upon the payment of such reasonable rates of tuition and under such regulations as the said Board of Directors may prescribe for persons not entitled to admission in the said school or schools free of charge. All tuition shall be paid to the Treasurer of said Board of Directors for the use and benefit of the said school district and shall be paid out as other funds collected and received by said school district.

**SECTION 9.** That the said Board of School Directors shall within ten days after this Act takes effect, meet and elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The members of said Board of School Directors shall serve without compensation except that the Secretary may be allowed and receive lawful compensation for taking the census or scholastic population of said school district or for having the same done each year. The Secretary of said Board shall keep a true and correct record of all meetings and business transacted by said Board in a minute book to be provided for such purpose, and the Treasurer shall keep a true and correct account of all funds coming into his hands and of all disbursements. The Treasurer shall enter into bond sufficient to cover all school funds coming into his hands and belonging to the said "Crockett Mills High School District," which shall be fixed by the said Board of Directors, and shall be payable to the State of Tennessee for the use and benefit of said school district and it shall be approved by the President of said Board and filed with the Secretary thereof.

**SECTION 10.** That said Board shall not employ any person or persons as principal of the school or schools herein created who has not had the equivalent of a high school education and passed a satisfactory examination as to same. Said principal shall have general superintendence over all schools in operation under control of said Board of Directors with special reference to the grading and promotion of pupils thereof. Said Board shall not employ any person or persons as assistant teachers in said school or schools who have not passed a satisfactory examination in the courses in which they are to teach under the rules and regulations prescribed for teachers by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 11.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** There was never a Section 12 to this Act.

**SECTION 13.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

**SECTION 14.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

**SECTION 15.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

**SECTION 16.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

Passed: April 5, 1921.

## Gadsden School District

### Private Acts of 1935 Chapter 303

**SECTION 1.** That a Special School District be and the same is hereby created and established, embracing and being a part of the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Civil Districts of Crockett County, Tennessee, including the Town of Gadsden, to be known and designated as the Gadsden Special School District; with the following boundaries;

Beginning in the Public Road in front of Griggs Store (Mason Grove) runs thence North with said road to Bob Medlin's place, where road intersects the Gadsden and Humphreys School House road; thence West with said road to J. E. McCord's corner; thence North with Mason Grove to Humboldt road, by T. H. Humphreys' home place to Austin Peay Highway; thence Northeast with Austin Peay Highway to the Gadsden and Humboldt old dirt road; thence West with the Gadsden and Humboldt old dirt road, by W. Z.

Raines's home place, crossing the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at Pomona; thence on West with said road to where the Collinsworth road intersects with the said Gadsden and Humboldt old dirt road; thence with said Collinsworth road by Collinsworth Cemetery thence following the meanderings of said road, by the Collinsworth old home place, to where said road intersects with the Old Temperance Road; thence South with the Old Temperance road by the Dr. R. O. Williams place, and turning West below the said Williams house, and following an almost straight line West between the boundaries, of Mrs. Tillia Bouldin and Williams, between C. W. Richardson and C. C. Jackson and C. W. Richardson and Mrs. Bettie Hefley to the Poplar Corner road; thence crossing the Poplar Corner road into a road that leads from said road to Salem Church, or Gadsden and Coxville road, and following the meanderings of the above road to said Salem Church; thence North with Gadsden and Coxville road to a by-road; thence West following said by-road, by Robert Arnold's place and following the meanderings of said road to the J. D. Porter farm; thence in a Westerly direction through the field following J. D. Porter's north boundary line, and continuing, to the Coxville and Center Church old dirt road, or near the O. G. Reasons place; thence in a Southerly direction with the meanderings of said road to the Gadsden and Quincy road at Center Church, thence in a Westerly direction with said road to where it intersects with the road that leads from the Peoples Highway to Old Quincy; thence in a Southerly direction with said road to, and on across the Peoples Highway, to the Hopewell School House lot; thence with Northern, Eastern and Southern bounds of said lot to the road; thence following the meanderings of said road past the J. A. Thomas home place to the upper Gadsden and Alamo road; thence South with said road to the turn at L. A. Selph's; thence in an Easterly direction past the J. A. Bailey home place; thence crossing bridge at the turn below J. A. Bailey's place and a straight line across the field to the Northeast corner of Liberty Hall School House lot; thence South with said lot to Gadsden and Alamo road; thence in a Westerly direction to a by-road that leads to Ollie William's home place, and thence following the meanderings of said road to where said road intersects with another at Ollie Williams; thence an Easterly direction, following the meanderings of said road to the Austin Peay Highway, near Doss Leggett's; thence Northeast with said Highway to the dirt road that leads by Tom Perry's home place; thence East with said road just below Tom Perry's place, and at the foot of the hill; thence South crossing the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and thence South by Mrs. Helon Fewell's farm, and thence continuing South to the Southwest corner of the Old Stephens farm; thence East following the meanderings of said road on by the Pony Williams old home place, and to where said road intersects with the Gadsden and (Negro) Crossroad road; thence South with said road to where Claude Williams farm joins with the Jim Pearson place; thence East with Williams and Pearson boundary line to where they corner with the Nall place; thence North with Williams and Nall boundary line to where they corner with J. C. Humphreys (sic) place; thence east with Nall and Humphreys (sic) boundary line to where they corner with Mrs. Bryant; thence East with Nall and Bryant's boundary line, to road that leads from Gadsden to Highway No. 20; thence North with said road to the Wirt Seminary road; thence East following the meanderings of said road to the turn in front of the Joe Spears (sic) place; thence a Northerly direction with the meanderings of said road, on by the Buckingham place, and on to where said road intersects with the Gadsden and Mason Grove road near Ira, and O. U. Willoughby's home places; thence an Easterly direction back to Griggs (sic) Store, or the place of the beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That the officers of said Gadsden Special School District shall consist of a Board of seven members who, and their successors shall constitute a body politic and corporate, the majority of whom shall make a quorum for transaction of business. The first Board shall consist of, Dr. F. C. James, E. E. Collinsworth, John Tinsley, S. A. Person, Homer Richardson, J. H. Davis, and D. B. Davis, each of whom shall be freeholders and having resided for more than six months within the above said boundaries. All vacancies that may occur in this body shall be filled by the Board, no one being eligible except those who are twenty-five years or more of age, and are freeholders and householders within said boundaries and of good moral character and having at least an elementary school education. Said Board shall organize by electing a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be member (sic) of this Board.

**SECTION 3.** That said Board herein created and their successors in office shall constitute and are hereby declared the Board of Directors of "Gadsden Special School District" and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have continual succession for the purpose hereinafter designated; may have a common seal, and make such by-laws and regulations from time to time as they deem proper herein and as is consistent with the authority herein conferred and the laws of the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of carrying into effect the object for which they are created.

**SECTION 4.** That the officers of said School District shall serve a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and that the said school officers shall be elected by the qualified voters residing in the said "Gadsden Special School District"; provided the officers herein named shall serve until the regular August election in 1936, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

**SECTION 5.** That the powers and duties of said Board of Directors are as above and hereinafter set out, to-wit:

- (1) To establish and maintain a Public School at Gadsden, in said district, wherein shall be taught all branches now required to be taught by the elementary and High Schools of the State and in which may be taught a commercial or business course and also a course preparatory for university work, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- (2) To employ competent teachers and as many as they see proper for said school or schools, fix their salaries and for lawful reasons discharge them.
- (3) To open and close the schools and determine the length thereof.
- (4) To build and keep in repair school buildings, out-buildings, grounds and any other school buildings or school property that may be included in said school district or that said Board may see fit to erect, take over and maintain.
- (5) To use the school funds coming into their hands from whatever source and in such a manner as will in their judgement and discretion best promote the interest of said school district.
- (6) To order and have taken a census of the children within said district according to school laws of the State of Tennessee, and report same, properly certified, to the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to the County Trustee of Crockett County, Tennessee, as soon as practicable after the taking effect of this Act.
- (7) To hold regular meetings at the time and place prescribed by them, and special meetings when called by the President, or by any four of the Board of Directors, four members to constitute a quorum of said Board.
- (8) To hold in trust school property, real and personal, if in the bounds of said school district, and to dispose of same, the real estate by deed and the personal property by either public or private sale, as they in their discretion may see proper, and apply the proceeds for and to the benefit of said school district.

**SECTION 6.** That after making the report of school census as provided by the Sub-section 6 of Section 5 of this Act, the County Trustee shall apportion to the said district for the maintenance of said school or schools its per capita or pro rata share of all school funds of the county then or thereafter in his hands according to such of the 1934 funds said school districts, which it bears to that of Crockett County, and the County Trustee shall also apportion to said school district its per capita or pro rata share of the State school fund paid to said county by the State. Such school census shall be taken annually, and the funds apportioned each year thereafter as herein provided by this Act.

**SECTION 6(a).** That the Board of Directors of Gadsden Special School District of Crockett County, Tennessee, be and is hereby fully and further empowered and authorized in its corporate capacity to borrow money and issue, sell and negotiate its negotiable bonds with interest coupons attached in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, for the purpose of providing funds for the construction or purchase, maintenance, repair and improvement of grounds, equipment and buildings for school purposes within said Special School District.

Interest on such bonds as may be issued hereunder shall be at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, and may be evidenced by negotiable coupons attached to said bonds. The form of such bonds and the coupons attached thereto shall be such as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors of Gadsden Special School District, Crockett County, Tennessee, by proper resolution entered upon its Minutes.

That any bonds issued and sold hereunder shall be payable in such amounts, and at such times and places, and in such manner as shall be directed by the Board of Directors of Gadsden Special School District, Crockett County, Tennessee, that any bonds issued hereunder shall be executed in the name of the Gadsden Special School District, signed by the President of the Board and countersigned by the Treasurer thereof, and such bonds may be sold in such amounts and at such times and places publicly after due advertisement as the Board of Directors of Gadsden Special School District, Crockett County, Tennessee, may direct by proper resolution.

That the funds derived from the sale hereunder of bonds shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Special School District, to be disbursed by him as are other funds of said Special School District provided, however, that there shall be maintained a separate account by said Treasurer designated as "Gadsden Special School District Bond Account" into which the funds from the proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be deposited and shall only be expended for the purposes mentioned in this Act.

Any bonds or notes issued hereunder shall be exempt from taxation by the State of Tennessee or any county or municipality thereof.

That prior to the issuance of any bonds hereunder, the Board of Directors of the Gadsden Special School



District shall request the election commissioners for Crockett County, Tennessee, to call an election in said town to determine whether or not any bonds shall be issued under this Act by said Special School District. Requirement for eligible voters in said election shall be the same requirements as for voters in the election of members of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. The form of ballot to be used in said election shall be as prescribed by proper resolution of the Board of Directors of Gadsden Special School District, and a majority of the voters voting in said election shall determine the issues therein.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 426

**SECTION 7.** That for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the school or schools of the said school district and for supplementing the school funds for said district so that school terms for said school or schools may be extended and continued for nine months each year if possible, as a free public school, there is hereby assessed for the year 1935 and for each subsequent year thereafter, a tax of eight cents on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable property, both real and personal, situated within said "Gadsden Special School District", and there is also assessed for said purposes one dollar poll tax on all persons who are subject to poll tax in said district between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years of age. The basis of assessment for said tax on such property shall be assessed value as shown by the books of the County Trustee, and taxes assessed on real estate are a lien upon such real estate.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 96

That in addition to the (8¢) cents tax on every one hundred dollars' worth of taxable property within said Special School District as herein and heretofore assessed, there is hereby levied an additional tax of Eighty Cents (80¢) on every one hundred dollars' worth of taxable property situated within said Gadsden Special School District, for the purpose of creating a fund with which to pay the bonds, interest and coupons, and said tax is hereby levied for the year 1951, and each subsequent year thereafter, until both principal and interest of such bonds shall have been fully paid. And the full faith and credit of the Gadsden Special School District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment thereof.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 426

Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 308

Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 96

The taxes herein assessed shall become due and be collected at the time and in the same manner as taxes under the general laws of the State by the County Trustee.

That the taxes herein provided for operational purposes by the (8¢) cents tax levy, together with all other school funds received from the County Trustee, except for the taxes assessed for the purpose of retiring the bonds herein authorized, shall constitute the school fund for said School District, which funds shall be under the control of said Board of School Directors for the use and benefit of the said "Gadsden Special School District"; and, the taxes herein provided for retiring the bonds herein authorized by the Eighty Cents (80¢) tax levy shall be kept separate from the other funds of said Special School District and shall be disbursed only for the purpose for which they were created.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 426

Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 308

Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 96

No part of said funds shall be paid out by the Treasurer of said school district except by order of said Board of School Directors and upon warrants properly drawn and signed by the President and the Secretary of said Board of School Directors; provided, further, that no personal property of the taxpayers within said school district shall be exempt from levy or execution for their said tax assessments or personalty and polls herein assessed by this Act; and provided that the County Tax assessor shall prepare a separate and complete list of all taxable property, both real and personal, and all polls within said district for the use of the County Trustee in making collection of said taxes.

**SECTION 8.** That all children living within the boundaries of said "Gadsden Special School District", shall be entitled to the benefits of the funds arising from the provisions of this Act, and are to be entitled to free tuition in the school or schools operated by said Board of Directors as aforesaid; provided this shall apply to such children as are between the ages of six and twenty-one years of age; but no tuition shall be charged any child or children for any course of study that may be taught in any school or schools within said district under supervision of said Board.

The Board of School Directors for said school district shall have power to admit by contract persons over school age or non-residents of the district or County or State, upon the payment of such reasonable rates of tuition and under such regulations as the said Board of Directors may prescribe for persons not entitled to admission in the said school or schools free of charge. All tuition shall be paid to the Treasurer of said Board of Directors for the use and benefit of the said school district and shall be paid out as other funds collected and received by said school district.

**SECTION 9.** That the said Board of School Directors shall within ten days after this Act takes effect meet and elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The members of said Board of School Directors shall

serve without compensation except that the Secretary may be allowed and receive lawful compensation for taking the census or scholastic population of said school district or for having the same done each year. The Secretary of said Board shall keep a true record of all meetings and business transacted by said Board in a minute book to be provided for such purpose and the Treasurer shall keep a true and correct account of all funds coming into his hands and all disbursements. The Treasurer shall enter into bond sufficient to cover all school funds coming into his hands and belonging to the said "Gadsden Special School District", which shall be fixed by the said Board of Directors, and shall be payable to the State of Tennessee for the use and benefit of said school district and it shall be approved by the President of said Board and filed with the Secretary thereof.

**SECTION 10.** That said Board shall not employ any person or persons as principal of the school or schools herein created who has not had the equivalent of a high school education and passed a satisfactory examination as to same. Said principal shall have general superintendence over all schools in operation under control of said Board of Directors with special reference to the grading and promotion of the pupils thereof. Said Board shall not employ any person or persons as assistant teachers in said school or schools who have not passed a satisfactory examination in the course in which they are to teach under the rules and regulations prescribed for teachers by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 11.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 29, 1935.

## Maury City School District

### Private Acts of 1959 Chapter 147

**SECTION 1.** That a Special School District be and the same is hereby created and established, embracing all of the 10th Civil District in which the town of Maury City is located and portions of the 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, and 8th Civil Districts of Crockett County, Tennessee, to be known as and designated the "Maury City Special School District", with the following boundaries:

Beginning at a point in the South Fork of the old Forked Deer River at the Northwest corner of the K. A. Randall farm in the 13th Civil District of Crockett County, Tennessee, runs thence East with the North boundary line of said Randall farm in the Chestnut Bluff-Gilliland School Road, thence approximately South with said road for a short distance to where the Lebanon Church Road branches off to the East, thence in an Easterly direction with the meanders of said Lebanon Church Road to the Maury City Chestnut Bluff Road, thence in a Northwesterly direction with said road past said church lot to the North boundary line of the J. H. Hysinger farm, thence East with the North boundary line of said Hysinger farm to the Jinnie Lilly Road in the Southwest corner of the Lloyd Chronister farm, thence North with said road along Chronister's West boundary line, and leaving said road in a Northeasterly direction to Chronister's North boundary line, thence East and North and East again following Chronister's boundary lines to drainage ditch and the Northwest corner of the Odell Woods (sic) home place, thence East with the North boundary line of said Woods (sic) home place to the Odell Woods Road, thence South with said road to the Northwest corner of another farm of Odell Woods, thence East with the North boundary lines of said Odell Woods farm and the Joe Barnes farm to the Mansfield Road, thence North with said Mansfield Road to the Northwest corner of the old Mansfield place (now owned by Cleve East), thence East with the North boundary line of said East farm to a lane and the West boundary line of the Cleve East twenty acre farm, thence North with the West boundary line of said East twenty acre place to the Northwest corner of same, thence East with an old road bed along the North boundary line of said Cleve East twenty acre place, crossing the Alice Leggett old place and the R. K. Riddick farm to the old Antioch Road, thence East with said old Antioch Road to the cemetery and North from said cemetery to the Indian Mound-Chestnut Bluff Road, thence East along said Mound-Chestnut Bluff Road to the Cleve East-Friendship Road, thence North with said latter road through the Clarence Brasfield farm and along the Hershall Agee farm to the Northwest corner of said latter farm, thence Easterly with North boundary line of said Agee farm to William Brasfield's West boundary line, thence North with said William Brasfield's West boundary line to Pond Creek Drainage Canal, thence up said Canal in Southeasterly direction to the Southwest corner of the Walker land, thence North with Walker's West boundary line to the Northwest corner of said farm, thence East or in an Easterly direction with the meanders and off sets of the North boundary line of said Walker farm to the old Mound-Friendship Road at the Northwest corner of the R. L. Parker farm, thence continuing East with North boundary line of said Parker farm and the North boundary line of the Evans Chambers farm to the concrete State Highway No. 20, thence South with said Highway to the Maury Junction Road, thence East

with said latter road along the North boundary line of Luther Leggett farm and to the Northeast corner of same, thence South along the East boundary line of the Leggett farm and the Max Browder farm to the North boundary line of the Mae Cherry farm, thence East with the North boundary line of said Cherry farm to the Northeast corner of same, thence South with the East boundary line of said Cherry farm and then continuing directly South across the J. H. Powell farm to the Pond Creek Drainage Canal, thence up said Canal in a Southerly and Easterly direction with its meanders to the Nance-Highway No. 20 Road at a bridge, thence east with said Nance-Highway No. 20 Road to the New Highway No. 20, thence with said New Highway No. 20 in a Southeasterly direction to the intersection of the Cario-Burnice Birmingham Road, thence with said latter road in a Southwesterly direction to Pond Creek Drainage Canal, thence up said Canal in Southeasterly direction to the Crockett Mills-Brimm Corner Road, thence with said road to and crossing concrete Highway No. 20 at the off set, and continuing South on Highway No. 54 to Black Creek, thence West with said Creek to the Northeast corner of the Colvin Cates farm, thence South with the East boundary line of said farm to the North boundary line of the R. T. Tucker farm, thence West with the North boundary line of said Tucker farm to his Northwest corner, thence South with his West boundary line to the North boundary line of the A. J. Tucker farm, thence East with the North boundary line of said A. J. Tucker farm to the Northeast corner of same, thence South with the East boundary line of said Tucker farm to a creek, thence down said creek to the fork of same, thence up the Southerly fork of same in an Easterly and then Southerly directions with its meanders to the North boundary line of the Luke Hughes land, thence West with the North boundary line of said Hughes land to an interior corner of the H. H. Carter lands, thence South with Carter's East boundary line to the North boundary line of the Smith Kail farm, thence West to the Maury City-Johnson's Grove Road, thence with said road in a Southeasterly direction to Johnson's Grove-Road, thence with said road in a Southeasterly direction to Johnson's Grove-Frog Jump Road, thence West with said latter road to the Cane Ridge Road, thence in a Southerly direction with the Cane Ridge Road with its meanders to the Haywood County line, thence in a Westerly direction with the Haywood County line to the South Fork of the old Forked Deer River, thence in a Northwesterly direction with said old river and old river bed to the point of beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That Maury City Special School District shall be governed by a Board of Directors of five members who, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, and a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The members of such Board of Directors shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within the boundaries of the Maury City Special School District, except for the first Board of Directors herein named who shall act until the first day of September following the regular August election 1960 or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Such first Board of Directors shall consist of the following members: Lynn Agee, J. W. Riddick, Frank Poston, Russell Garrett and Asa Fisher.

At the regular August election 1960 two directors shall be elected to a term of two years and three directors shall be elected to a term of four years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified and the ballot shall designate those who are running for two year offices and those who are running for four year offices.

Thereafter all directors shall be elected and shall hold office for a term of four years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

The term of office of all directors shall commence the first day of September following the regular August election at which they are elected.

To be eligible as a member of the Board of Directors, an individual must have resided in Crockett County for at least one (1) year and within the boundaries of said Special School District outside the corporate limits of the town of Maury City, Tennessee for at least six (6) months prior to being elected, and must be of good moral character and at least twenty-one (21) years of age. These qualifications for eligibility as members of the Board of Directors shall not be applicable to those members of the Board of Directors in office on the effective date of this Act during the remainder of their current terms of office.

The board (sic) of Directors shall organize by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of such Board.

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors the remaining members of such Board shall fill the vacancy with an eligible citizen to serve out the unexpired term of the vacated member.

The terms of office of members of the Board of Directors in office on the effective date of this Act shall end on August 31, 1980, or on the date of any special election called for the purpose of electing Board members, whichever occurs first. At the regular August election in 1980 five (5) Directors shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Special School District for terms of four (4) years beginning with the first day of September, 1980. A special election may be held prior to the regular August election in 1980 for the purpose of electing five (5) Directors. Such special election shall be called by the Crockett County Election Commission upon a petition being filed with the County Election Commission which contains the signatures

of at least ten percent (10%) of the qualified voters of the district and which requests that a special election for the purpose of electing five (5) Directors of the School District be called. The special election shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of this state. If a special election for the purpose of electing Board members is held, the Board members elected at such election shall take office immediately upon their election and shall serve until the first day of September, 1984. The successors to directors elected by special election shall be elected at the regular August election in 1984 for terms of four (4) years beginning with the first day of September, 1984.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166

**SECTION 3.** That said first Board of Directors hereinabove named shall, within fifteen (15) days after this Act takes affect, meet and organize by electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer from among the members of said Board.

That the members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation. The Treasurer shall enter into bond, with some solvent Surety Company authorized to do business in Tennessee, in an amount to be fixed by the Board and to comply with State requirements, which bond shall be payable to the State of Tennessee for the use and benefit of Maury City Special School District, and conditioned to faithfully account for and properly use and disburse all funds of the District coming into his hands; and the cost of such bond will be paid out of the operational funds of said District.

**SECTION 4.** That the Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties, to wit:

To establish and maintain a Public School, tuition free, in said District at Maury City, wherein shall be taught the subjects required to be taught by the elementary and high schools of the State, and, in which may be taught commercial, vocational, mechanical and business courses and other subjects at the discretion of the Board:

To lease or receive the loan of school building, plant and property from the Town of Maury City or from any other source, provided such action appears to be advisable to the Board:

To employ competent teachers and employees for said school, including a school principal, and, within the general law, to fix their salaries and for lawful reason discharge them, prescribe the school term, receive school funds from the State, County, District and from whatever source public schools of this state are entitled to derive funds and to use the same in such manner as will in their judgment and discretion best promote the interest of said district's School and public education within the district:

To construct, purchase, maintain, repair and improve such school grounds, buildings, equipment and school property generally including gymnasium, athletic and recreation grounds as said Board may deem proper, and to hold the same in trust, and to sell the same or any part thereof as said Board may deem necessary and proper for the advantage of the district school and apply the proceeds to the benefit of the district school:

To otherwise govern and control the district school in such manner as will in their discretion best promote public education within the district, and so as to best cooperate with the State Department of Education and the County Board of Education.

**SECTION 5.** That the school principal shall be a competent teacher and a person of administrative ability and shall have general superintendence over all school functions, and such principal shall carry out the policies formulated by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6.** That the Board of Directors shall hold regular public meetings at least once a month at a designated place and hour, and, that a special meeting may be called by the President or a majority of the Board members upon three days notice to all members of the Board. The approval by a majority of all members of the Board of Directors shall be required for the transaction of all official business of the Board of Directors.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166

**SECTION 7.** That the Board of Directors of Maury City Special School District of Crockett County, Tennessee, be and is hereby fully and further empowered and authorized in its corporate capacity to borrow money and issue, sell and negotiate its negotiable bonds with interest coupons attached in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars, for the purpose of providing funds for the construction or purchase, maintenance, repair and improvement of grounds, equipment and buildings for school purposes within said Special School District.

Interest on such bonds as may be issued hereunder shall be at a rate not to exceed 8% per annum, payable semi-annually, and may be evidenced by negotiable coupons attached to said bonds. The form of such bonds and the coupons attached thereto shall be such as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors of Maury City Special School District, Crockett County, Tennessee, by proper resolution entered upon its Minutes.

That any bonds issued and sold hereunder shall be payable in such amounts, and at such times and places, and in such manner as shall be directed by the Board of Directors of Maury City Special School District, Crockett County, Tennessee, that any bonds issued hereunder shall be executed in the name of the Maury City Special School District, signed by the President of the Board and counter-signed by the Treasurer thereof, and such bonds may be sold in such amounts and at such times and places publicly after due advertisement as the Board of Directors of Maury City Special School District, Crockett County, Tennessee, may direct by proper resolution.

That the funds derived from the sale of such bonds shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Special School District, to be disbursed by him as are other funds of said Special School District, provided, however, that there shall be maintained a separate account by said Treasurer designated as "Maury City Special School District Bond Proceeds Account" into which the proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be deposited and shall only be expended for the purposes set out in the first paragraph of this section of this Act.

Any bonds or notes issued hereunder shall be exempt from taxation by the State of Tennessee or any county or municipality thereof.

The bonds herein authorized shall not be issued until the issuance thereof has been approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the district voting in an election called for such purpose by the County Election Commission of Crockett County, pursuant to the request of the Board of Directors of the district. As used in this Act, the term "qualified voters" shall mean all registered voters who reside within the district outside the corporate limits of the town of Maury City, Tennessee, and any registered voter in Tennessee who owns real property located within the district outside the corporate limits of the town of Maury City, Tennessee. The election on the issuance of bonds shall be held in the same manner and by the same officials as general elections are required to be held in Crockett County, and notice thereof shall be given in the manner required in Title 2, Tennessee Code Annotated, for elections held on questions within a county. At the election the proposition being submitted to the qualified voters of the district shall appear in the form of a question and shall briefly state the maximum amount of bonds to be issued, the purpose for which such bonds are to be issued, and the tax rate to be levied upon issuance of the bonds, and shall be followed by the words "Yes" and "No" so that a voter can vote his preference by making a cross mark (X) opposite the proper word. The County Election Commission of Crockett County shall canvass the returns of such election and determine in writing the results thereof. If a majority of the qualified voters of said district voting at any election vote against the issuance of the bonds herein authorized no subsequent election may be held for such purpose within one hundred and eighty (180) days succeeding the date of the election.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166.

**SECTION 8.** For the purpose of helping to support, operate and maintain the schools in the district, there is hereby levied a continuing annual tax of thirty-five cents (\$0.35) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable property within the Maury City Special School District outside the corporate limits of the town of Maury City, Tennessee, beginning with the year 1979. The tax levy at the rate specified by this Act shall not be effective unless approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting in an election to be conducted at the same time and in the same manner as the election provided by this Act for the issuance of bonds. At the election the proposition being submitted to the qualified voters of the district shall appear in the form of a question and shall briefly state the tax rate to be levied and the purpose of the tax and shall be followed by the words "Yes" and "No" so that a voter can vote his preference by making a cross mark (X) opposite the proper word.

For the purpose of paying the principal and interest and any redemption premiums on the school bonds authorized by this Act, there is hereby levied an additional tax of sixty-five cents (\$0.65) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable property within the Maury City Special School District, outside the town of Maury City, Tennessee, beginning with the year 1979 and continuing annually until said bonds have been paid in full as to both principal and interest. The levying of this tax, at the rate specified, shall automatically occur upon the vote of the qualified voters of the district to issue the bonds authorized by this Act.

The basis of assessment of any tax on property within the District shall be the assessed value as shown by the books of the county trustee, and any taxes so levied shall be a lien on the real property. The taxes herein authorized shall become due and be collected at the same time and in the same manner by the county trustee as taxes under the general laws of the state.

No disbursement will be made by the District except by proper check or warrant, properly drawn and signed by the president and the treasurer.

The county tax assessor shall prepare a separate and complete list of all taxable property, both real and personal, within the school district for the use of the county trustee in making collection of any taxes.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166

**SECTION 9.** That the County Trustee shall also apportion and pay over to said School district its per capita and/or prorate share of all Crockett County School funds in his hands, or coming into his hands from County, State or other sources.

**SECTION 10.** That the Board of Directors of said District are hereby authorized and empowered to make contracts and agreements with any and all agencies of the Federal Government or of the State of Tennessee, or the town of Maury City with reference to the procurement of funds or school property for the purpose of this Act, and to this end, may, if necessary, or if deemed expedient, sell, transfer or assign any bonds issued hereunder to any agency of the Government of the United States, or of the State of Tennessee; or to make any other lawful financial arrangements, or other contracts with either of said Governments, or the town of Maury City, which the Board of Directors may deem necessary or expedient.

**SECTION 11.** That:

(a) This Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by a majority of the voters residing in the Special School District herein created, in an election to be held for such purposes. Within five days after the approval of this Act by the Governor, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Elections of Crockett County to call an election for the Maury City Special School District, to be held not less than twenty nor more than forty days from the date of such call, for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the provisions of this Act. The ballots used in this election shall have printed thereon the title of this Act and the voters shall vote for or against its adoption. The votes cast at such election shall be canvassed by the Commissioner of Elections upon the first Monday occurring five or more days next after the date of such election, and the results shall be proclaimed by the Commissioner of Elections and certified by him to the Secretary of State. The general election laws shall be applicable to such election.

(b) In the event this Act is approved in the election provided for in (a), this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Crockett County, on or before its first regular meeting more than five days after the said election. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State within ten days after the action of the Court.

(c) In the event the Court should determine that this Act need not be approved by the voters of the Special School District as provided for in (a), and/or this Act need not be approved by the governing body of the County as provided for in (b), within the meaning of Article 11, Section 9, of the Constitution, then either sub-sections (a) or (b), or both, shall be elided and the General Assembly hereby declares that it would have enacted this chapter without this section, or without either sub-section (a) and/or (b).

**SECTION 12.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**SECTION 13.** The County Election Commission of Crockett County, pursuant to the request of the Board of Directors of the Maury City Special School District, shall call an election on such question, or questions, pertaining to the operation of the District, as may be certified to the County Election Commission by the Board of Directors. All questions certified to the County Election Commission shall be placed on ballots and shall be followed by the words "Yes" or "No", in order that a voter can vote his preference by making a cross mark (X) opposite the proper word. All qualified voters of the Maury City Special School District shall be eligible to vote in such elections. The purpose of the elections authorized by this section shall be to ascertain the will of the qualified voters of the Maury City Special School District on questions pertaining to the operation of the school district. The results of any election conducted pursuant to this section shall not be binding on the Board of Directors of the Maury City Special School District, and the ballots in any such election shall state that the Board of Directors is not bound by the results. If an election on questions is conducted in accordance with this section, no other election under the provisions of this section shall be conducted until after the expiration of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of the prior election.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166

**SECTION 14.** To the extent possible, all elections conducted pursuant to the authority of this Act may be conducted at the same time as elections on similar matters conducted by the town of Maury City, Tennessee.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166

Passed: March 10, 1959.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 166, which amended Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 147, provided that any elections authorized under the 1979 Act were to be held within one (1) year from the date the Act became law, and if not so held could not be held at any time. Further, any taxes authorized under the 1979 Act would not become effective if not approved within the said one (1) year period from the date of passage of the Act. See also Op. Tenn. Att'y Gen. 80-262 (May 29, 1980).

## Education/Schools - Historical Notes

### **Crockett Mills High School District**

The following acts once affected the Crockett Mills High School District in Crockett County, but are no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101, amended Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 781, Section 7, the current law, and authorized, subject to a successful referendum, a tax levy for the year 1979 and thereafter of eighty cents (80¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property, both real and personal, in the Crockett Mills High School District. The purpose of the tax was to secure funds for the support, operation and maintenance of the schools in the said district. Further, the 1979 Act authorized a bond issue of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the purpose of constructing, improving, and equipping school buildings in said school district. The bonds would bear eight (8%) percent interest annually and mature within thirty (30) years from the date of issuance. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 38.
2. Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 226, amended Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 781, the current law, and authorized the Crockett Mills High School District, subject to a successful referendum, to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) at ten (10%) percent interest annually, payable within thirty (30) years from date of issue. The funds would be used to construct, improve and equip buildings in said school district. A tax of three dollars and ninety-five cents (\$3.95) would be levied on every one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in the district to pay the interest and principal on the bonds when due. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 38.
3. Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227, amended Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 781, the current law, and its amendments and authorized the tax levy specified in said Act be so amended to encompass the year 1980. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 38.

### **Gadsden School District**

The following acts once affected the Gadsden School District in Crockett County, but appear to be no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 887, subject to a successful referendum, authorized the Gadsden School District to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of securing funds for repairing, enlarging and/or building new school buildings in said school district. Neither the amount of the interest nor the maturity schedule were set out in the Act, but a tax levy of ten cents (10¢) on every one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in the said district would be levied in 1937 and subsequent years to pay off the principal and interest on the bonds when due.
2. Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 308, attempted to amend Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 303, the Act which created the Gadsden School District, by decreasing the amount of the tax levy on the school bonds issued in the 1935 Act to fifteen cents (15¢) on every one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in the district. This Act did not receive approval from the proper authorities and never became operative.

### **Superintendent or Director of Schools**

The act referenced below once affected the office of superintendent of education in Crockett County, but is no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 855, provided that the county superintendent of public instruction be elected by the qualified voters of Crockett County for a term of two years at the regular August 1922 elections and biennially thereafter.

### **General Reference**

The following acts constitute part of the administrative and political heritage of the educational structure of Crockett County but are no longer operative since they have either been superseded, repealed, or failed to receive local approval. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 189, made it the duty of the Trustees, of the old counties from which the newly organized Crockett County was taken, to ascertain the scholastic population of their counties and pay over to the Trustee of Crockett County, said County's proportion of common school funds as might be due said County.
2. Private Acts of 1893, Chapter 21, authorized the school directors of the Alamo School District to sell and convey a lot deeded to the school district from E. T. Austin, for the purpose of securing

- funds to reinvest in other property for the said school district.
3. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 473, created the Union Grove and Porter's Grove School District out of parts of Crockett and Gibson counties. The Board of Directors, three (3) in number, would be composed of one (1) member from Gibson County and two (2) from Crockett County. The said school district was to be under the control of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction for Crockett County.
  4. Acts of 1905, Chapter 226, created Maury City Special School District also, but would appear to be superseded by Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 147. The 1905 Act provided for three (3) elected individuals to serve as school directors for said district.
  5. Acts of 1905, Chapter 282, created School District No. 16 in Crockett County and set out its boundaries.
  6. Acts of 1905, Chapter 287, created School District No. 18 in Crockett County out of portions of the Seventh and Ninth Civil Districts, with a metes and bounds description of the school district set out in the Act. The County Superintendent, under the Act, would appoint three (3) citizens in the district to serve as school directors until their successors were elected. The management and control of the schools was to follow the general laws of the State.
  7. Acts of 1905, Chapter 536, created the Hellen's School District in the Thirteenth Civil District of Crockett County with the boundaries described in the Act. The County Superintendent would appoint three (3) residents of the area to serve as Directors until the people could elect their successors. The Act provided for the County Trustee to keep the per capita school tax of all the scholastic population in the district in 1905 for the benefit of the citizens in said district.
  8. Acts of 1907, Chapter 61, created the Cross Roads School District in Crockett County, which would include the area embraced within the description contained in the Act. The County Superintendent would appoint three (3) citizens of the district to serve as School Directors until a regular election was held to elect three (3) Directors.
  9. Acts of 1907, Chapter 236, abolished the office of District Director and provided for schools to be under the management and control of a County Board of Education and a District Board of Advisors. The Act provided for the respective County Court to divide the county into five (5) school districts, composed of whole civil districts, from each of which school district, one (1) member of the Board of Education would be elected. The County Superintendent would be Secretary of the County Board of Education. The qualifications, terms, duties, responsibilities, compensation and authority, where applicable, for the Chairman of the County Board of Education and the Secretary of the County Board of Education were specified in the Act. The duties of the Advisory Board, composed of three (3) members from each civil district and elected by the people of said civil district, were enumerated in the Act. (See Whitthorne v. Turner), 155 Tenn. 303, 293 S.W. 147 (1927).
  10. Acts of 1907, Chapter 278, created Special School District No. 23. The County Superintendent was authorized to appoint the first three (3) members of the Board and the Trustee would keep the per capita school tax and pay it to the new school district.
  11. Acts of 1907, Chapter 279, took portions of the Eleventh and Twelfth Civil Districts of Crockett County and formed School District No. 22 in said County. The County Superintendent was authorized to appoint the first three (3) members of the Board and management and control of the schools in said district would be in accordance with general public school laws.
  12. Acts of 1907, Chapter 285, created the Badgett School District. The County Superintendent was authorized to appoint the first three (3) members of the Board.
  13. Acts of 1907, Chapter 385, established the Perry School District in Crockett County. The schools in said district would be under the supervision and oversight of the County Superintendent and the Trustee would give the school directors their pro rata share of public school funds after the scholastic census was furnished to the Trustee by the Board of School Directors.
  14. Acts of 1909, Chapter 186, amended Acts of 1907, Chapter 236, Section 17, above, so as to exclude Crockett County from its operations. The 1907 Act had abolished the office of District Director and provided for the schools to be under the management of a County Board of Education and a District Board of Advisors.
  15. Acts of 1909, Chapter 588, provided for the public school funds available to the County schools under Acts of 1907, Chapter 236, to be distributed to the school districts in the counties in proportion to each district's scholastic census. Further, the Act provided that school districts and civil districts would be coextensive and that the District Advisory Boards then serving would constitute the District Boards of Directors until the next regular election..



16. Private Acts of 1913, Chapter 181, repealed Acts of 1909, Chapter 186, above, and provided for Crockett County to be under the operation of a County Board of Education and District Advisory Board.
17. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 380, created a special school district in the Fifteenth Civil District of Crockett County. The County Superintendent was authorized to number the school district and W. H. C. Hall, G. T. White, and R. G. Watson were appointed as school directors until their successors could be elected. The school district was vested with all the rights, privileges, and immunities of other school districts in the County.
18. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 454, abolished the County High School Board in Crockett County and transferred all the powers and duties once held by said board to the County Board of Education, whose additional duty it was to establish and maintain one (1) or more high schools out of the high school fund.
19. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 602, created and established a school district in Crockett County called the Fourteenth School District. The Board of Education for said district would consist of five (5) members. The Act authorized, subject to the outcome of a successful referendum, a tax levy on polls and property of taxpayers within said district for school purposes.
20. Private Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 45, created the Crockett High School District. The Board of Education would consist of seven (7) members. The powers and duties of the Board were prescribed in the Act. For school purposes the Act authorized a tax levy of twenty-five cents (25¢) on every one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in said district and a one dollar (\$1.00) poll tax on all males between the ages of twenty-one (21) and fifty (50). This Act was specifically repealed by Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 530.
21. Private Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 89, created the Friendship High School District out the Eleventh and Twelfth Civil Districts of Crockett County and the town of Friendship in said county. The school district would be managed by a five (5) member Board of Director, whose powers and duties were prescribed in the Act. A tax of thirty-five (35¢) cents on every one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in the said district was authorized to be levied to support and maintain the schools in said school district, as well as, a one dollar (\$1.00) poll tax on all males between twenty-one (21) and fifty (50) years of age. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 893.
22. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 954, amended Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 380, above, by levying a special tax of twenty-five cents (25¢) on every one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in the Fifteenth Civil District.
23. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 893, repealed in its entirety, Private Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 89, above, and thereby abolished the Friendship School District.
24. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 301, abolished the position of attendance officer in the Crockett County school system. As a result, the sheriff, his deputies, and constables were authorized to execute all the warrants issued under the compulsory attendance law at the instance of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction for which services these officer's would receive the same fees as the law provides for like service of process. This Act was repealed six (6) years later by Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 861.
25. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 530, specifically repealed Private Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 45, above, which had created the Crockett High School District.
26. Private Acts of 1935 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 69, authorized the County Board of Education to pay to D. T. Williams a sum of money, not exceeding five hundred fifty dollars (\$550), for the construction of the Crossview school house in the First Civil District of Crockett County. The warrant for said amount would be drawn on the elementary school fund.
27. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 861, expressly repealed Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 301, above, which had abolished the position of attendance officer in the school system of Crockett County.

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