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## Chapter VI - Education/Schools

### Board of Education

#### Private Acts of 2002 Chapter 139

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 150 of the Private Acts of 1965, and all other acts amendatory thereto, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Obion County shall be divided into seven (7) school districts of substantially equal population, which shall be coextensive with the county legislative body districts established by resolution of the county legislative body from time to time.

**SECTION 3.** The Obion County Board of Education shall consist of seven (7) members, with one (1) member of the board being elected by the qualified voters in each school district on a nonpartisan basis. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms, with the terms of the members representing the even-numbered districts expiring at the same time and the terms of the members representing the odd-numbered districts expiring at the same time.

Persons elected in the regular August general elections shall take office on September 1 following the election and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

**SECTION 4.** During the transition to the newly-constituted board as provided herein, all incumbent board members shall remain on the board until the expiration of their current terms. To establish staggered terms as provided in Section 3, new board members shall be elected as follows: At the regular August 2002 election, board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms from each of the districts 4 and 6. At the regular August 2004 election, board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms from each of districts 3, 5 and 7. At the regular August 2006 election, Board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms from each of districts 2, 4, and 6, and one (1) board member shall be elected from district 1 to a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms as their terms expire.

**SECTION 5.** The Obion County Board of Education shall have the powers, duties, privileges and qualifications given boards of education in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49.

**SECTION 6.** If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 7.** This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Obion County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Obion County and certified to the secretary of state.

**SECTION 8.** 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 7.

Passed: May 1, 2002.

### Kenton Special School District

#### Public Acts of 1947 Chapter 84

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

**SECTION 1.** That a Special School District, to be known as "Kenton Special School District", is hereby created and established, with territorial boundaries as follows:

Beginning at a stake in Gibson County, Tennessee, in the middle of Edmonson's Creek on the west side of the bridge where U.S. Highway No. 45 crosses said creek, and thence west with the meanders of said creek to a gravel road on H. H. Taylor Heirs' east line; thence north with said road to the northwest corner of the Fred Norton farm; thence northwestwardly in a straight line to R. L. Caton's southwest corner; thence north to Willie Gravette's northwest corner; thence northwestwardly in a straight line to Grassy Creek at Richard Johns' northeast corner; thence down said creek with its meanders and northerly to the

point where Grassy Creek crosses C. B. Verhine's west boundary line; thence north with Verhine's west boundary line to Obion River; thence up said Obion River with its meanders easterly to the confluence with the South Fork of Obion River; thence southeasterly with the meanders of South fork of Obion River to the west boundary line of Weakley County; thence south with the County line between Weakley and Obion Counties to the north line of Gibson County; thence southeasterly with the County line between Gibson and Weakley Counties to the southeast corner of the C. V. Bell's farm; thence with the south line of the Bell farm and the public road to a stake in the middle of the cross roads at Walnut Grove; thence west to the point of beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That said Special School District shall be governed by a Board of five (5) Trustees, who shall be elected by the qualified voters in said District at the regular election in August, 1948, and biennially thereafter for a term of two (2) years, two (2) of whom shall be citizens and residents of Gibson County, Tennessee, two (2) of whom shall be citizens and residents of Obion County, Tennessee, and one (1) of whom shall be a citizen and resident of the Town of Kenton, Tennessee. No person shall be eligible to be elected and to serve as Trustee unless, at the time of his election, and during all the period of his service, he shall be a resident of or own real estate in said District. Every resident within said District and every owner of real estate within said District shall be eligible to vote in the elections of the Trustees, provided that said person shall be otherwise qualified to vote in the regular election in connection with which said election of Trustees will be held. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first and second paragraphs of this section, the trustees shall be elected to staggered four-year terms of office so that the terms of approximately one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the trustees expire every two (2) years. In order to establish staggered terms the trustee from Gibson County receiving the largest of votes and the trustee from Obion County receiving the largest number of votes elected at the regular election in August 204 shall each serve a four-year term of office. The trustee from Gibson County receiving the second largest number of votes and the trustee from Obion County receiving the second largest number of votes elected at the regular election in August 2004 shall each serve a two-year term of office. The trustee from the City of Kenton elected at the regular election in August 2004 shall serve a four-year term of office. Trustees elected in the regular election in August 2004 shall take office on September 9, 2004.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1997, Chapter 78

Private Acts of 2004, Chapter 108

**SECTION 3.** That the first Board of Trustees shall be: Harry Smith, J. N. Midgett, Joe M. Warren, Fred Norton, and R. C. Tilghman.

**SECTION 4.** That whenever a vacancy on the Board of Trustees occurs more than thirty (30) days prior to the time fixed by this Act for election of Trustees, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the Trustees, the person so appointed to be a resident or owner of real estate in the same territorial part of the District in which his, or her, predecessor resided.

**SECTION 5.** That the said First Board of Trustees of said District shall, within fifteen (15) days after this Act becomes effective, meet and elect, from among the members of the Board, a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

**SECTION 6.** That the members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation.

**SECTION 7.** That the Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to enter into bond, with some corporate surety, authorized to do business in Tennessee, in an amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the bond to be payable to the State of Tennessee, for the use of said Kenton Special School District, and conditioned to account for, and pay over all funds of said District which come to his hands. The premium of the bond shall be paid out of the Administrative Fund of the District.

**SECTION 8.** That the Board of Trustees shall have power to cause to be erected, and have general supervision and control of the buildings and property belonging to the District; shall have power to lease, or rent, and buildings, or grounds, to the County Board of Education; shall have power to employ and fix the salaries of such teachers and assistants as are not employed by the County Board of Education. Provided, however that no provision of this Act shall be so construed as to conflict with the rights and powers of the County Board of Education.

**SECTION 9.** That for the purpose of buying or erecting necessary school buildings, furnishings and equipment, paying necessary expenses of maintenance of adequate school facilities, the said Kenton Special School District is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and sell interest bearing coupon bonds, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars. Said bonds shall, each, be for the principal, or face, amount of Five Hundred Dollars, and shall mature in such order, and at such time as the Resolution of the Board of Trustees shall provide. Provided, however, that the power to issue said bonds shall not be exercised until and when a majority of the qualified voters, resident in said District, and voting in an election held for that purpose, have voted in favor of the issuance of said bonds.

**SECTION 10.** That within not less than 30 days, nor more than 120 days, after this Act becomes effective, the Board of Trustees shall, by resolution, request the Election Commissioners of Gibson and Obion Counties, Tennessee, to call an election, to ascertain the will of the qualified voters of said District on the question of the issuance of the bonds, as provided in Section 9 hereof. Should the vote in said election be against the issuance of the bonds, a second election may be called, resubmitting the question of the bond issue. Provided, however, that no second, nor subsequent election shall be called nor held until after the expiration of at least six months following the first election. In said election (first or second) the ballots shall have printed on them on one line "For School Bonds"; and on another line "Against School Bonds". The voter shall indicate his choice by making a mark opposite the words "For School Bonds", or opposite the words "Against School Bonds".

**SECTION 11.** That the bonds herein provided for shall not be issued nor sold for less than their face value, nor shall they bear interest in excess of five (5) per cent per annum.

**SECTION 12.** That the avails of sale of the bonds shall be collected and held by the Secretary-Treasurer of the District; and shall be disbursed by him only under orders of the Board of Trustees and by check or voucher signed by the Secretary-Treasurer, and countersigned by the President of the Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 13.** That for the purpose of providing revenue to pay the principal and interest of the bonds herein provided for, and for the purpose of providing an administrative fund for said Kenton Special School District, there is hereby levied for the year 1970 and for each year thereafter, a tax of ten cents (\$.10) on each One Hundred Dollars, (\$100.00) of taxable property, real and personal, within the boundaries of said District. The basis of assessment shall be as applicable to that part of the District in Obion County, the current tax assessment made by Obion County, and as applicable to that part of the District in Gibson County the current assessment made by Gibson County. All taxes hereby levied, when assessed, shall be a lien on the real and personal property so assessed as of the tenth (10th) day of January, of the year for which assessed.

As amended by: Public Acts of 1970, Chapter 536

**SECTION 14.** That the taxes hereby levied, on property in Obion County, shall be collected by the Trustee of Obion County, Tennessee; and on property in Gibson county, by the Trustee of Gibson County, Tennessee; and the taxes hereby levied shall become due and be delinquent as and when State and County taxes become due and delinquent.

All said taxes, when collected, shall be paid over to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Kenton Special School District.

One-twentieth (1/20) of the taxes shall be held by the Secretary-Treasurer as an Administration Fund, to be used and applied in payment of incidental expense of administration. The remaining nineteen-twentieths (19/20) of said taxes may be applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds, issuance of which is hereby authorized, or for improvements and other expenses necessary and incident to the operation of the school district system.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 120

**SECTION 15.** That the Tax Assessor of Gibson County shall prepare a separate and complete list, or book, of all taxable property, real and personal, within that part of the District which is in Gibson County, and furnish the same to the County Trustee of Gibson County, and the assessments shall be set up on the general tax books by the Clerk of the County Court of Gibson County.

And the Tax Assessor of Obion County shall prepare a separate and complete list, or book, of all taxable property, real and personal, within that part of the District which is in Obion County, and furnish the same to the Trustee of Obion County, and the assessment shall be set up on the general tax books by the Clerk of the County Court of Obion County.

**SECTION 16.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare so requiring.

Passed: February 27, 1947.

## Obion County Special School District

### Private Acts of 1980 Chapter 233

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created and established an independent and special school district in Obion County in the State of Tennessee, which shall encompass all of the area described within the boundaries set forth below except such area as lies within the boundary lines of the municipal corporation of Union City, Tennessee, as it now exists or from time to time is modified by expansion or annexation. The boundaries of the Obion County Special School District are as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the south boundary line of the State of Kentucky and the north boundary

line of the State of Tennessee where the same is intersected by the east boundary line of Lake County, Tennessee, and the west boundary line of Obion County, Tennessee; runs thence in a southerly direction with the west boundary line of Obion County, Tennessee, and the east boundary line of Lake County, Tennessee, to where the same intersects the north boundary line of Dyer County, Tennessee; runs thence in an easterly direction with the north boundary line of Dyer County, Tennessee, and the south boundary line of Obion County, Tennessee, to where the same is intersected by the west boundary line of Civil District Number Eleven (11) of Obion County, Tennessee; runs thence north with the west boundary line of said Civil District Number Eleven (11) to a point where the same intersects the south boundary line of Civil District Number Fifteen (15) of Obion County, Tennessee; runs thence in an easterly direction with the north boundary line of said Civil District Number Eleven (11) to the north boundary line of Civil District Number Eight (8) of Obion County; runs thence in an easterly and southerly direction with the north boundary line of said Civil District Number eight (8) to the point where the same intersects the west boundary line of Weakley County, Tennessee; runs thence in a northerly direction with the west boundary line of said Weakley County, Tennessee, and the east boundary line of Obion County, Tennessee, to a point where the same is intersected by the south boundary line of Civil District Number One (1) of Obion County, Tennessee; runs thence in a northwesterly direction with the south boundary line of said Civil District Number One (1) to a point in the center of the Old McConnell Road; runs thence with the center of the Old McConnell Road in a westerly and northerly direction, and crossing Harris Creek and the Illinois Central Railroad, to a stake in the intersection of the said Old McConnell Road and the Harris Station Road, adjacent to the Illinois Central Railroad; runs thence in a straight line north to a point in the center of the intersection of old U. S. Highway Number 51, also known as the Union City - Fulton Highway and Tennessee Route Number 8010, also known as the Harris Station Road; runs thence in a northwesterly direction in a straight line to a point in the center of Tennessee Route Number 8173 and Kentucky Route Number 116, also known as the State Line Road, said point being one thousand (1,000) feet east of the intersection of the State Line Road with the Section line Road; runs thence in a westerly direction with the south boundary line of the State of Kentucky and the north boundary line of the State of Tennessee to the point or place of beginning.

Included within the above description but excluded from the Special School District hereby created and established is the municipal corporation of Union City, Tennessee, which is expressly excluded from this Special School District as the said municipal corporation of Union City, Tennessee, now exists or from time to time is modified by expansion or annexation. The Special School District above described is to be known and designated as the Obion County Special School District, and all inhabitants of said area shall be and constitute the inhabitants of the Obion County Special School District hereby created and established. Said inhabitants, for the purposes of this act, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, clothed with all powers and entitled to all of the privileges and advantages of said Obion County Special School District. Said Special School District shall be activated only upon approval of a majority of all qualified voters of the county outside of the corporate limits of Union City voting in the first county-wide election held in Obion County, Tennessee after the first day of May, 1980.

**SECTION 2.** The first Board of Education of the said Special School District, which is hereby constituted and appointed, shall consist of the following named persons: Phillip Gallimore, Ralph White, Walter Yates Sellers, Johnny Hundley, Polly Glover, Jimmy Hart, and Jimmy Hayes, who shall hold office as provided herein and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, as hereinafter provided. The first Board of Education, named above, shall, within ten days after the activation of the Special School District by voter approval as provided in Section One herein, meet and elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from among their members, and the first Board of Education shall have all of the rights, powers, and obligations as hereinafter set forth for the Board of Education and shall perform all duties incumbent upon them as a Board of Education. The Board shall, at the first meeting, request the Election Commission of Obion County to call an election for approval of the issuance of bonds hereinafter authorized.

**SECTION 3.** At the first county-wide election held in Obion County, Tennessee, after the second day of August, 1980, there shall be elected a Board of Education consisting of seven members, as follows:

Member number one. Member number one shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Sixth Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, as the same is now constituted; member number one shall be elected to a term of four years, and member number one's successor shall be elected to terms of four years thereafter.

Member number two. Member number two shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Fifth Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, as the same is now constituted; member number two shall be elected for a term of four years, and member number two's successors thereafter shall be elected to a term of four years.

Member number three. Member number three shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Fourth Civil District or the Seventh Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, as the same is now constituted; member number three shall be elected to a term of four years, and member number three's successors thereafter shall be elected to a term of four years.

Member number four. Member number four shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Fifteenth Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, as the same is now constituted; member number four shall be elected to a term of two years, and member number four's successors thereafter shall be elected to a term of four years.

Member number five. Member number five shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Ninth Civil District or the Fourteenth Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, as the same is now constituted; member number five shall be elected to a term of four years, and member number five's successors thereafter shall be elected to a term of four years.

Member number six. Member number six shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Twelfth Civil District, the Third Civil District, or the Tenth Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, as the same is now constituted; member number six shall be elected to a term of two years, and member number six's successors thereafter shall be elected to a term of four years.

Member number seven. Member number seven shall be a qualified voter of the Special School District hereby created and reside within the boundaries of the Second Civil District or the area of the Thirteenth Civil District and the First Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, included within the Special School District hereby created; member number seven shall be elected to a term of two years, and member number seven's successors thereafter shall be elected to a term of four years.

In any and all elections of any or all members of the Board of Education of the Obion County Special School District, all qualified voters residing within the entire Special School District shall be eligible to vote.

In the event of a vacancy among the members of the said Board of Education who are elected by the voters of said Special School District, as above provided, the remaining members of the Board of Education shall have the power to fill and shall fill such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall hold office until the next regular election in which School Board members are elected and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

If more than two years remain of the unexpired term of a vacancy, this vacancy shall be filled in an election for the unexpired portion of the term. The vacancy upon the Board of Education, whether filled by appointment or by election, shall be filled by a person residing in the area where his predecessor resided, as hereinabove designated.

**SECTION 4.** The members of said Board of Education shall serve without compensation; however, Board members shall be entitled to reimbursement and payment of necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and provision and allowance may be made for reasonable clerical assistance necessary in keeping the records and books of the Superintendent. The Board of Education shall prescribe rules and regulations for its government, shall meet at such stated intervals as may be prescribed by its rules and regulations, and may hold such special meetings as may be necessary or advisable, for all of which special meetings all members shall have the notice prescribed by its rules and regulations.

The Superintendent herein referred to shall be employed by the Board of Education upon such terms and conditions and for such compensation as agreed upon and contracted for. The Superintendent employed by the Board of Education shall enter into bond with proper conditions sufficient to cover the school funds belonging to said Obion County Special School District which may be received, the amount of the penalty of which bond shall be determined by said Board of Education; the bond shall be payable to the State of Tennessee for the use and benefit of the said Obion County Special School District, and such bond shall be approved by and filed with the Chairman of the Board of Education.

**SECTION 5.** The said Board of Education, a majority of which shall at all times constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, shall have all of the powers usually incumbent to and belonging to boards of education, and shall have full power as a board of education to manage and control the public schools of said Special School District; and the said Board of Education shall make, or cause to be made and properly verified and certified, all necessary and proper reports of scholastic population, average daily membership, and other statistical data with reference to the schools of the said District to the County Trustee, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, all as required by and in accordance with the general laws of the State of Tennessee governing the management and control of the public schools of the State of the class and character contemplated by this act; and said Board of

Education shall prescribe all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations for the management, government, and control of such schools, and shall employ such superintendents, principals, teachers, and assistant teachers as may be necessary in their conduct and management.

**SECTION 6.** The Board of Education of the Obion County Special School District is hereby authorized and empowered to make contracts and agreements with any and all agencies of the Federal Government or of the State of Tennessee with reference to the procurement of funds for the purposes of this act, and to this end may, if necessary or if deemed expedient, sell, transfer, or assign the bonds issued hereunder to any agency of the government of the United States or of the State of Tennessee, or make any other lawful financial arrangements with either of said governments which the said Board of Education may deem necessary or expedient.

**SECTION 7.** The said Board of Education shall have the authority and power to enter into contracts for the rental, purchase, or construction of school buildings and for the purchase of real estate to be used for school purposes, payments due under such contracts to be made by said Board of Education from funds available to it.

**SECTION 8.** The property, furniture, equipment, books, and school supplies being used by the Obion County Board of Education for school purposes within the boundaries of the Obion County Special School District, as described in Section One, are hereby transferred effective July 1, 1980, from the Obion County Board of Education to the Obion County Special School District for ownership and use in educating the children of the Special School District, provided that the Special School District shall have been ratified and approved as hereinafter provided and be in existence on July 1, 1980.

**SECTION 9.** All lands and buildings located within the boundaries of the Obion County Special School District which are owned and being used for the daily operation of the public schools by the Obion County Board of Education (except for the school bus garage located in the town of Troy, Tennessee) shall be transferred by appropriate instrument of conveyance from the Obion County Board of Education to the Obion County Special School District effective July 1, 1980, provided the said Obion County Special School District shall have been ratified and approved, as herein provided, and be in existence on July 1, 1980.

**SECTION 10.** All pre-existing debts, if any, owned upon such properties as are conveyed as above provided from the Obion County Board of Education to the Obion County Special School District shall be assumed by the said Special School District.

**SECTION 11.** The plan of study designated and prescribed in the general school laws of the State of Tennessee shall be taught in the schools of said Special School District, and said schools shall be open to all children residing in said Special School District who are legally entitled to attend the same under the school laws of the State of Tennessee.

The Board of Education of said Special School District shall have the power to and may admit by contract to the schools of said Special School District persons over school age or nonresidents of the said Special School District, upon such terms and under such regulations as may be prescribed for such persons, provided that any student or students residing outside the limits of the Obion County Special School District who shall attend school within the boundaries or limits of the said Special School District shall pay or have paid for said student or students, as tuition, their pro rata share of all state, county, and district funds, and all tuition under this section shall be paid to the Superintendent of the Obion County Special School District for the use and benefit of the said Special School District, and shall be expended and paid out as other school funds collected and received for the maintenance of the schools.

**SECTION 12.** The County Trustee of Obion County, Tennessee, after activation of the Special School District as provided in Section One herein, and after an election approving issuance of bonds as provided in Section Seventeen hereinafter, shall apportion to the Obion County Special School District, for the management of schools as herein provided, the pro rata share of all school funds in his hands to which the said Obion County Special School District is entitled, which apportionment as between the said Obion County Special School District and the remainder of Obion County shall be made each year in proportion to the average daily membership in schools provided for in said Special School District and in the schools of the remainder of Obion County, in the same manner that apportionment on the basis of average daily membership for the previous year was made among the several counties and other subdivisions of the State in the apportionment of public school funds under the general school law. In the event that the basis of apportionment of school funds shall be changed by subsequent legislation, the apportionment under this Act will conform to the general law governing apportionment, so that said Special School District shall at all times receive the apportionment and pro rata share of the public school funds to which it is by law entitled, and this apportionment shall apply not only to the pro rata share of any and all school taxes assessed and collected locally by Obion County under general law, but also the pro rata share of said Special School District in the state school funds paid over to the said County Trustee by the State of Tennessee, pursuant to law.

**SECTION 13.** All teachers employed in the Special School District hereby created shall be entitled to all of the protection of their rights and privileges as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1316.

**SECTION 14.** For the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings, including gymnasiums and recreational grounds, and for the purpose of acquiring necessary grounds therefor, the said Obion County Special School District is hereby authorized and empowered, if and when the election hereafter provided a majority of the qualified voters living in the said District and voting in said election have voted favorably, to issue interest-bearing coupon bonds in an amount not to exceed Nine Million (\$9,000,000.00) Dollars. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the legal rate then existing in the State of Tennessee at the time of their issue, shall be payable semi-annually, shall mature serially or otherwise in not exceeding thirty years after the date of issue, and may be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as may be provided by resolution by the Board of Education of said Special School District.

Said bonds shall be in such form and of such denominations and shall be sold in such manner as the Board of Education may provide by resolution, but in no event shall such bonds be sold for less than par. Said bonds shall be a general obligation of the said Obion County Special School District, and the said Board of Education is authorized and empowered to do and perform all acts which may be necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and sale of said bonds.

**SECTION 15.** For the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the school bonds herein authorized, there is hereby levied a continuing annual tax of One and 25/100 (\$1.25) Dollars on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars worth of taxable property in the said Obion County Special School District. The tax levy at the rate specified by this Act shall not be effective nor shall the provisions of Sections Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve, and Thirteen be of any force or effect until and unless the bond issue, as set out in Section Fourteen of this act, is approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters within the District voting in the election called for such purpose, as set out in Sections Three, Fourteen, and Seventeen.

The basis of the assessment shall be the assessed value as the same appears by the current tax assessment made by Obion County, and all such tax levied, when assessed, shall be a lien on the real estate or personal property on which assessed in the particular year of the issuance thereof. The taxes herein provided for shall become due, payable, and delinquent as and when Obion County taxes become due, payable, and delinquent, and subject to the same interest and penalty, and shall be collected by the Trustee of Obion County, Tennessee, in the same way and manner as other taxes.

**SECTION 16.** The Tax Assessor of Obion County shall prepare a separate and complete list or book of all taxable property, real and personal, within said District and furnish the same to the County Trustee for his use in making collection of said taxes, and the assessment shall be set up on the general tax books of the Clerk of the County Court of Obion County, Tennessee.

**SECTION 17.** Before any bonds shall be issued by said Special School District, an election shall be held at each of the voting places within the boundaries of said District at the time of the second countywide election held in Obion County, Tennessee, after the first day of August, 1980, and a majority of the qualified voters voting in said election by their ballot shall have voted in favor of the issuance of said bonds. The election for this purpose shall be called by the Election Commission of Obion County, Tennessee, in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee for voting upon questions.

In said election, the ballots shall have printed on them one line reading "FOR SCHOOL BONDS" and on another line "AGAINST SCHOOL BONDS", and the voter shall indicate his choice by making a mark opposite the words "FOR SCHOOL BONDS" or "AGAINST SCHOOL BONDS". Any person who is a resident of said District and otherwise qualified to vote shall be eligible to vote in the election provided for in this act.

If the bonds hereinabove authorized are not approved in the election held for that purpose, as hereinabove set forth, the said Obion County Special School District shall cease to exist ten (10) days after the result of the bond election herein provided for are certified by the Election Commission, as required by law, it being the intention of this act that the Obion County Special School District shall cease to exist if the bond issue is not approved by the voters, as set forth hereinabove.

**SECTION 18.** The proceeds of sale of any bonds authorized hereunder shall be collected by the Superintendent of the Special School District and shall be disbursed only upon order of the Board of Education of the said Special School District upon check or voucher signed by the Superintendent and countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of Education of the Special School District.

**SECTION 19.** All taxes collected by the County Trustee under the provisions of this act shall be paid over to the Superintendent of the said Special School District, who shall segregate the amount of the administrative fund, as above provided. The amount so set apart into the administrative fund shall be kept

separate from the fund for the payment of principal and interest upon bonds, and no part of the administrative fund shall be disbursed except upon order of the Board of Education of the said Special School District. No funds of the Obion County Special School District shall be disbursed except by check or voucher signed by the Superintendent and countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of Education of said Special School District.

**SECTION 20.** The Board of Education of the Obion County Special School District shall not be under the supervision, direction, or control of the Obion County Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools for the Obion County Board of Education, but shall be under and subject to the rules, regulations, and policies of the Department of Education of the State of Tennessee and the general system of public schools for the State of Tennessee. The Board of Education of the Obion County Special School District shall file all proper reports and documents, and work in full cooperation with the public school system of the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 21.** If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 22.** This act shall take effect upon, from, and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 12, 1980.

## Education/Schools - Historical Notes

### **Board of Education**

The following acts once affected the board of education in Obion County but are no longer operative.

1. Acts of 1907, Chapter 236, abolished the office of District Director in the local school systems and placed each system under the management and control of a County Board of Education and a District Board of Advisors. The County Courts of each County were required to divide their Counties into five school districts and to appoint one member of the Board of Education from each of the Districts until their successors could be elected by popular vote. The School Superintendent would serve as the Secretary to the Board. The duties of the Chairman of the Board, the Secretary, and the members were generally enumerated in the Act. A three member Advisory Board would be elected in each Civil District by popular vote, and they were obligated to take and report on a scholastic census in their areas. This Act did not apply to city school systems, and several counties expressly exempted themselves from its terms among which was Obion County.
2. Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 262, created a ten member Board of education in Obion County, one each from the ten school districts which were composed of whole civil districts specified in the Act. The Board members would be appointed by the Quarterly County Court and serve a seven year term. School Districts 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were represented by the members of the existing School Board who have been duly elected and qualified. In addition to these members, the following were named to the Board to represent the new Districts: Earl Bryant, District #1; Virgil Roberts, District #3, and Chester Thompson, District #4.
3. Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 376, recited that in Obion County the members of the Board of Education would be paid \$8 per day as compensation for their services in attending the regular and special sessions of the Board, but for no more than three days per month. This Act was not presented to the Obion County Quarterly Court for disposition and consequently never became an effective law under the Home Rule Amendment to the State Constitution.

### **Kenton Special School District**

The acts listed below are the legislative history of the Kenton Special School District and are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 480, was the authority for the Board of Directors of the Kenton Special School District located in Obion and Gibson Counties to issue \$7,500 in bonds at an interest rate not to exceed 6%, and to be amortized over a maturity schedule no longer than twenty years from the date of issue, which funds would be used to erect, remodel, improve, or equip a public high school building. The bond issue was subject to prior approval by the voters in a referendum, and, if the bonds were issued, a tax rate of ten cents per \$100 property value would be levied on all taxable property within the District for the year 1923 and thereafter until the bonds were paid. This Act cites Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 463, as the Act which created the Kenton Special School District but this is an error. The reference should have been to Public Acts rather than Private. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 164.

2. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 539, declared in the preamble to the Act that the Kenton Special School District was created by Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 463, as amended, for Gibson and Obion County, and since Gibson County, by virtue of the passage of Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 467, abolished all the special school districts in Gibson County, some legal questions have arisen concerning the status of the Kenton Special School District. The Act re-establishes the Kenton Special School District out of a part of the 10th Civil District of Gibson County, and a portion of the 8th Civil District of Obion County, giving a detailed description of the area incorporated within the District. The Act named the first members of the six member Board of Directors as Dr. B. R. Baucom, L. R. Phelps, R. B. Gray, C. O. Ramer, L. D. Tanner, and W. E. Wade, all of whom would serve until September 1, 1928, when their successors, elected in August prior thereto, would take over the responsibilities of the Board. All the powers and duties of the Board were prescribed in Section 5. A school tax of 20 cents per \$100 property valuation, a sinking fund tax of ten cents per \$100 property valuation and a poll tax of \$1 on all males between the ages of 21 and 50, were levied to finance, support and maintain the schools in the District. All children between the ages of 6 and 21 could attend the nine month long school free of charge, all others must pay tuition in an amount to be set by the Board.
3. Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 164, amended Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 539, by reducing the property tax levied in that Act on the schools from 20 cents to 5 cents per \$100 property valuation and repealed Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 463, and Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 480.
4. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 202, amended Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 539, by striking the entire portion of Section 7, which set the tax levied, from the Act.

### **Mason Hall School District**

The private and public acts enumerated below are the legislative history of the Mason Hall School District which was located in portions of both Obion County and Gibson County.

1. Acts of 1909, Chapter 443, created an independent school district out of portions of both Gibson County and Obion County, and which would be named the Mason Hall School District. The area involved in the Mason Hall District was described in the Act. The County Superintendents of Public Instruction of Gibson and Obion Counties would appoint the members of the three member Board of Directors for the district, one to be a resident of Gibson County, and two to be citizens of Obion County. The three Directors would serve until their successors were elected and qualified and they were responsible for the collection and disbursement of all the funds to which the school children of the described area were entitled.
2. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 711, established the Mason Hall Special School District covering portions of the 8th and the 11th Civil Districts of Obion County, and the 10th and the 24th Civil Districts of Gibson County. The boundaries of the district were described in the Act. The Act provides for a five member Board of Directors to which W. H. Nichols, J. N. Ruddle, Hayman Yarbrough, W. J. Hopper, and W. A. Thompson were named, all of whom were 25 years of age, or older, and residents of the area from which they were named. These people would serve until succeeded by those Directors elected in the August, 1918, elections, three from Obion County, and two from Gibson County. Terms of the Directors were for two years. The powers and responsibilities of the Board were stipulated in the Act. A school tax of 30 cents per \$100 property valuation, on all property, real and personal, and a poll tax of \$1 against all males between the ages of 21 and 50, were levied, the proceeds of which would be used to operate the schools in the District. All resident children between the ages of 6 and 21 could attend the schools free of charge, and the Board was authorized to contract with non-resident students on the subject of tuition fees. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 168.
3. Public Acts of 1920, Chapter 22, established a formula for computing the tax rate for all special school districts in the State. In Section 4, the Mason Hall Special School District was specifically exempted from this Act.
4. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 840, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 711, in order to reduce the property tax rate from 30 cents to 15 cents per \$100 property valuation. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 367.
5. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 687, amended Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 840, to raise the property tax rate in the Mason Hall School District from 15 cents to 25 cents per \$100 property valuation. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 367, Page 1049.
6. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 367, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 711, by lowering the property tax rate from 25 cents to 10 cents per \$100 property valuation. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 168.

7. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 870, stated in the preamble that the Mason Hall Special School District had been established by Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 711, which District was situated in portions of both Gibson and Obion Counties, and that Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 467, purported to abolish all the Special School Districts in Gibson County, now some questions have arisen as to the effect this action might have had on this particular school district. This Act then proceeds to re-establish the Mason Hall Special School District as described in the Act. J. B. Skinner, Harvey Reeves, L. C. Siler, E. E. Dillon, and Jim Hundley, were named as the first Board of Directors in the new School District. The remainder of this act is practically identical to the language of the 1917 Act even to the extent of restoring the 30 cent property tax rate and the \$1 poll tax on all males between the ages of 21 and 50. The Board was required to meet within 20 days and elect a President and a Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 168, amended Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 870, by reducing the property tax rate specified for schools in that act from 30 cents to 5 cents per \$100 property valuation.
9. Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 167, created the Mason Hall Special School District and described its boundaries and termed it a body politic which would be governed by a Board of five Trustees who were to be elected at the regular August election 1960, three of whom would be residents of Obion County, and two must come from Gibson County. Hampton Yarbrough, Alvin Thompson, Haywood Green, Martin Green, and Harry King were nominated in the Act to serve until their successors on the Board of Trustees could be elected and qualified. Any vacancy would be filled by the remaining members of the Board. The powers and duties of the Board were enumerated and included the authority to contact with the Obion County Board of Education for teachers and facilities, and with State and Federal authorities for funds. A tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 property valuation was levied. The Trustees of each county could would collect the taxes and pay over the funds to the credit of the School treasurer. One-twentieth of the funds was dedicated to defray the costs of administration. The Assessors of Property of each county were obligated to furnish a separate and complete list, or book, of all taxable property lying in this district to the Trustee for collection. This Act after being properly ratified according to the Home Rule Amendment to the State Constitution by the local governing body, was specifically repealed by Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 44.
10. Public Acts of 1972, Chapter 491, mentioned by way of an introduction that the Mason Hall School District had discontinued operations and that the students were attending other schools in Obion County and Gibson County; that the General Assembly had enacted Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 44, which had attempted to abolish the school district but questions about its constitutionality had been raised on various grounds; and that some funds still remained to the credit of the school district. This Act directed that the funds remaining be divided equally between the Boards of Education of Gibson County and Obion County to be expended on the school at Yorkville in Gibson County and on the Kenton School in Obion County. The Trustees had the authority to pay reasonable attorney fees for the funds before turning them over after which the Trustees would be discharged from any further responsibilities. This Act expressly repeals Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 167.

#### **Pleasant Valley School District**

The following private act is included for historical purpose.

1. Acts of 1909, Chapter 228, created a school district in Obion County, describing the area in the Act, which would be called the "Pleasant Valley Taxing District," and which would exist for the purpose of operating and maintaining a high school or schools. Officers of the District would be three Directors and a Clerk who would be elected by the District voters for a two year term in June, 1909. The powers and duties of the Board are generally enumerated in the Act which also provided free schooling to all children between the ages of 6 and 21 who were residents of the prescribed area. A property tax of 25 cents per \$100 property valuation, and a poll tax of 25 cents were both levied to finance the support and maintenance of the District. If the land of a person was only partially within the District, the Board would decide the amount of taxes to be paid. The efficacy of this Act was made dependent upon the successful outcome of a referendum vote held for that purpose.

#### **Poplar Ridge School District**

The private act which had a bearing on the Poplar Ridge School District of Obion County is listed below.

1. Private Acts of 1913, Chapter 233, created a special school district out of parts of the 15th Civil District of Obion County and of the 6th and 15th Civil Districts of Dyer County, involving an area which is specifically described in the Act, to be called the "Poplar Ridge School District." E. E.

Parks, G. A. Davidson, and P. B. Morris were named as the first Directors to serve until the next general election. The Trustees of Dyer and Obion Counties will set aside and pay to the school district its pro rated share of school funds.

### **Rives Special School District**

The following acts concerned the Rives Special School District of Obion County.

1. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 687, created a Special School District out of part of the Fourth Civil District of Obion County which included the town of Rives. The Act contained a description of the area embraced by the School District. The first five member Board of Directors named in the Act, were J. H. Shore, R. L. Harper, W. W. Agnew, D. H. Woody, and W. E. Warren, who would organize by selecting a President, Secretary and Treasurer. These Directors would serve until September 1, 1918, when their successors, elected by the people in August, 1918, would take office and serve staggered six year terms. The powers and responsibilities of the Board were specified in nine paragraphs in Section 5. To support and maintain the schools, a 40 cent tax rate was levied and a \$1 poll tax assessed against all males, between 21 and 50 years old. Resident children between the ages of 6 and 21 could attend the nine month school free of charge and the Directors could admit non-residents upon charging them tuition fees. The Board would employ only qualified people to work in the schools, would not be paid any compensation, and the Secretary would take a scholastic census for which he would be compensated. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 541.
2. Public Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 22, established a formula for computing the tax rate for all special school districts in the State. In Section 4, the Rives Special School District was specifically exempted from the provisions of this Act.
3. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 675, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 687, by reducing the school tax levy in the Rives Special School District from forty cents to twenty cents.

### **South Fulton School District**

The following acts concerned the South Fulton School District.

1. Acts of 1905, Chapter 517, established the South Fulton School District in Obion County with a specific description of the area embraced therein, including the old Town of South Fulton. All the funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of South Fulton after the settlement of all the debts of the town would become the property of the school district. W. W. Morris, J. T. Futrell, and R. N. Whitehead were named as the first Board of Directors and they would perform the duties of such directors until their successors could be elected and assume office.
2. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 123, created a South Fulton Special School District, including that city and part of the 16th Civil District of Obion County, as described in the Act. The Mayor and Council were empowered to expand the District in the future, so as to coincide with the city boundaries. The Trustee would apportion to the District its pro rata share of school funds. The Mayor and City Council could levy a tax to support and maintain the schools. The original Board of Education of the City of South Fulton was composed of R. N. Whitehead, S. A. McDade, and J. L. Pickle, but future Boards would be elected by the Mayor and Council for two year terms. The Board members must be at least 30 years of age, of good moral character, and a citizen of the county and district. The Board would take charge and operate the schools making all necessary rules and regulations.
3. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 819, created a Special High School District embracing School District No. 72 in the 16th Civil District and including the town of South Fulton in Obion County. The Board of Directors would consist of five members, named by the Act as J. L. Pickle, R. N. Whitehead, S. A. McDade, Ed Reams, and H. Latta. Board members must be at least 25 years old, and residents of the District for one year, of good moral character, and possess an elementary school education. They would serve four year terms beginning in 1920 when their successors would be elected by the voters of the District. Their powers and duties were specified in Section 5. The school tax rate was fixed at 20 cents per \$100 of property valuation and a poll tax of \$1 on every male between ages of 21 and 50 was levied. All children between 6 and 21 years of age, residents of the district, would attend the school without charge and the Board was forbidden to employ unqualified people. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 425, Chapter 1282.
4. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 626, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 819, by expanding the boundaries of the school district and by providing that the County Superintendent of Public Instruction would fill any vacancy on the Board by appointment instead of the other remaining board members doing so. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 425.

5. Public Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 22, established a formula for computing the tax rate for all special school districts in the State. In Section 4, the South Fulton Special High School District was specifically exempted from the provisions of this Act.
6. Private Acts of 1920 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 44, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 819, by reducing the tax rate levy from 20 cents to eight cents per \$100 property valuation. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 425.
7. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 740, amended Private Acts of 1920 (E.S.), Chapter 44, by changing the school tax rate in the act from eight cents to sixteen cents per \$100 property valuation.
8. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 541, amended Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 740, by raising the property tax rate for the South Fulton Special School District from 16 cents to 40 cents per \$100 property valuation.
9. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 250, provided that an election be held within twelve days from the passage of this Act to ascertain the will of the people on whether or not the South Fulton Special High School District should be abolished. Three days after the election, the votes shall be canvassed and the results published in the newspaper. The costs of the election and the publication of results would be paid out of any funds in the hands of the Trustee to the credit of the district.
10. Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 425, expressly repealed Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 819, which created the South Fulton Special High School District. The District will be operated as part of the public school system by the County Board of Education in the same way as other public schools are operated. The Trustee shall collect taxes in the District for the year 1938 and deposit the same to the credit of the District, out of which debts shall be paid, for which warrants will be drawn as before. Any surplus shall be used to improve operation of schools in that area, and after 1938, no other taxes will be levied or collected.

### **Troy Special School District**

The following acts applied to the Troy Special School District.

1. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 549, stated in the preamble that Obion College was incorporated in 1874 to be located in the town of Troy in Obion County and that James S. Moffatt had deeded to the Trustees of the College certain real estate on which a school building was to be erected. The school building was erected in 1875 and Obion College began its operations. Since that time Public School District No. 35 has been conducted in said college and is now under the direction of the Board of Trustees and the Public School Directors. This Act created and established the Troy High School Taxing District, encompassing the area described in the Act, and prescribed the powers and duties of the Board of Directors. A tax of 25 cents on every \$100 worth of taxable property and a 25 cent poll tax was to be levied.
2. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 128, created the Troy Special High School District in the 6th Civil District of Obion County which included the town of Troy. The first five member Board of Directors named in the Act were D. H. Burnett, J. W. Pressly, J. W. Brantley, Marion Reeves, and Polk McDonald. Vacancies would be filled by the remaining members of the Board when certain qualifications of residence and character were met. The succeeding Board would be elected by the people for four year terms. The powers of the Board were enumerated. There would be a nine month school attended free by all resident children of the area between 6 and 21 years of age which would be supported by a school tax levy of 30 cents per \$100 property valuation, and a \$1 poll tax on all males between 21 and 50 years of age. The Board would not employ any unqualified teachers and the principal must be a high school graduate and pass the test ordinarily given to principals of schools. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 597.
3. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 597, repealed Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 128, and revoked all the authority granted thereunder to levy taxes for the year 1919 and succeeding years.
4. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 391, created the Troy Special High School District in the 6th Civil District including the town of Troy, as described in the Act. The five member Board of Directors named in the Act were Mrs. W. S. Crockett, D. H. Burnett, P. W. Moffat, R. H. Cude, and W. H. Bennett. The provisions of this Act were similar to Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 128, except the tax rate was 40 cents and was extended to both real and personal property, plus the \$1 poll tax on all males, age 21 to 50. The Board could admit nonresident children but they must pay tuition. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 742.
5. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 742, expressly repealed Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 591, (should have been Chapter 391), except that so much and such part of the taxes now due or levied which are necessary to liquidate the debts of the Special School District shall still be collected by the

County Trustee and applied to those debts. The operation of the school hereunder was turned over to the Obion County Board of Education.

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

The acts referenced below once affected the office of superintendent of education in Obion County, but are no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1931 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Chapter 5, declared that the twelve year certificates of qualifications for the Superintendents of County Schools which were issued under the authority of Public Acts of 1911, Chapter 69, would be renewed for an additional twelve years if the holder of the Certificate has served as the Superintendent of some county school system for no less than four years during the term of the certificate.

### **General References**

The following acts constitute part of the administrative and political heritage of the educational structure of Obion County but are no longer operative since they have either been superseded, repealed, or failed to receive local approval.

1. Acts of 1829, Chapter 109, Section 2, incorporated Rice Williams, William M. Wilson, John Hutchison, Samuel Nelson, and George A. Wilson, as the Trustees of Obion Academy, who would have and exercise full power of control and management over the operations and curriculum of the said academy plus any other power and authority generally granted to other Trustees of educational institutions.
2. Acts of 1831, Chapter 16, Section 25, the counties of Obion, Henry, Carroll, Weakley, Gibson, and Dyer from the provisions of this Act which regulated the appointment of school commissioners in the State and their expenditure of the school funds which came into their custody and control.
3. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 193, named James P. Whitbrook, Dr. David Bright, S. W. Cushran, Terrel S. Camp, Samuel D. Henry, and Alfred M. Bedford, as the Trustees for Westbrook Academy located in Obion County, who would have, possess, and could exercise all the power and authority generally incidental to this office, plus the added responsibility of locating the Academy within four miles of the county seat of Obion County. The County Court was vested with the responsibility of appointing successors to the Board of Trustees for two year terms.
4. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 22, transferred all the property of every nature then remaining titled to Obion Academy to Westbrook Academy which would automatically succeed to all the rights of the former Academy. The Trustees of Obion Academy must account to the Trustees of the Westbrook Academy for all the assets of the same.
5. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 96, Section 4, was the enabling legislation for the Trustees of the Westbrook Academy in Obion County to install a female department in the Institution and until that department should come about, females could be accepted into the School and temporary provisions made to accommodate their needs.
6. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 117, Section 4, provided for the Eromathian Society which would be associated with the Westbrook Academy in Obion County. The Act incorporated Rev. F. E. Roberts, Rev. J. Weed, Rev. J. W. Ward, David Bright, W. R. McAlister, J. S. Moffatt, S. W. Cochran, P. R. Nants, S. A. McCollum, E. E. Westbrook, R. H. Harrison, John H. Harrison, William E. Motheral, John Motheral, E. D. Farris, A. S. Hord, R. P. Caldwell, Augustus Moffatt, Merion Adams, B. F. Hutchinson, B. F. King, J. P. Harper, and Elijah Canada as the incorporators and first members the Society.
7. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 273, created and incorporated the Belle Forest Collegiate Institute in Obion County with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and whose original incorporators were Gabriel Henderson, Charles Talley, Alfred A. Brevard, Samuel C. Debow, George Williamson, William B. Gibbs, David D. Bell, Henry H. Applegate, Lysander Adams, James Thomas, James Nailor, Salathiel Medaris, James B. Hardeman, Everett Vehines, John G. Sevier, J. Osborne, Franklin White, William H. Chawbers, and George W. Gibbs.
8. Private Acts of 1905, Chapter 184, provided that the metes and bounds description of the several districts in Obion County, as the same existed on January 1, 1903, and which were then shown on the records of the County Court of the County, were made the lawful School Districts of Obion County. If these school districts, as described, were not co-extensive with the present school districts, the County Superintendent of Schools was required to appoint three directors, for each of the Districts hereby established under this Act to serve until their successors were elected in the regular August general election of 1906.
9. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 508, made it unlawful in Obion County for any city or any special

school district to furnish transportation for, or transportation to, the schools maintained and operated by the said city, or the said special school district to any pupils who lived beyond the geographical limits of the city, or the school district without the consent and approval of the County Board of Education. Any pupil thus transported contrary to this Act would not be counted in the average daily attendance records used in determining the distribution of School funds.

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