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AN ACT

relating to the creation of Tyler State College; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. There is created and established in the City of Tyler a coeducational institution of higher education to be known as Tyler State College. The college shall be organized to accept only junior, senior, and graduate level students. The role and scope of the college shall be defined by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Sec. 2. (a) The organization, control and management of the college is vested in a board of nine regents appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

(b) Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the State of Texas and shall take the constitutional oath of office.

(c) Members of the board hold office for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of three members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year. In making the initial appointments, the Governor shall designate three members for terms expiring in 1973, three for terms expiring in 1975, and three for terms expiring in 1977. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Governor.

(d) Members of the board serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in attending the work of the board.

(e) The board shall elect a chairman from among its membership and shall enact bylaws governing the conduct of the board.

Sec. 3. The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the successful management and operation of the college.

(b) The board may appoint and remove the president, any faculty member, or other officer or employee of the college and shall fix their respective salaries. The president is the executive officer of the college and is responsible for its general management. He shall recommend a plan of organization and orderly course development for the college.

(c) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the campus of the college during the month of April, and at other times and places scheduled by the board or designated by its chairman.

(d) The board shall cause accurate and complete minutes of its meetings to be maintained. The minutes shall be open to the public for inspection at the college during regular business hours, and certified copies of the minutes shall be furnished to anyone on payment of a fee set by the board.

(e) The board may sue and be sued in the name of the college. Venue is in either Smith or Travis County. The college may be impleaded by service of citation on its president, and legislative consent to suits against the university is granted.

(f) The board shall make reports to the coordinating board as required by law.

(g) The board may accept donations, gifts, and endowments for the college. They are to be held in trust and administered by the board according to the purposes, directions, limitations, and provisions declared in writing in the donation, gift, or endowment. The provisions of the gift, donation, or endowment shall be followed.

to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the laws of this State or with the objective and proper management of the college.

(h) The board is vested with the exclusive management of all property owned by the college. The board may make any agreements necessary to the effective management of the university's property. All money received shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund, which may be invested, and the principal and income of the fund may be expended, on appropriation by the Legislature, for the administration of the college.

Sec. 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. B. No. 419 passed the Senate on
May 29, 1971, by a viva voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. B. No. 419 passed the House on
May 30, 1971, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 23.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved: _____

Date

Governor