

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

CHAPTER 758 ⁴⁵

H. B. No. 303

An Act authorizing and directing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to establish and maintain a general academic institution in Dallas County, Texas, or in any county adjacent to Dallas County, to be known as The University of Texas at Dallas; authorizing the Board to prescribe courses leading to customary degrees, and to award such degrees; stating the intent of the Legislature that such degrees shall include baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees, and their equivalents, and providing that no department, school, or degree program shall be instituted without the prior approval of the Coordinating Board or its successor; authorizing the Board to make rules and regulations for the operation, control, and management of the university; authorizing joint appointments; prohibiting the enrollment of freshman and sophomore undergraduate students at any time and prohibiting the enrollment of junior and senior undergraduate students prior to September 1, 1975; authorizing the acceptance of gifts, grants, and donations from any source in aid of the planning, establishment, conduct, and operation of the university authorized by this Act, and in aid of the teaching and research conducted therein; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized and directed to establish and maintain a general academic institution as a state-supported institution of higher education to be known as The University of Texas at Dallas and located on a site to be selected in Dallas County, Texas; provided, however, that the site may extend into any county adjacent to Dallas County. The site shall consist of not less than 250 acres of land that shall be donated for such purpose without cost to the State of Texas.

Sec. 2. The Board of Regents shall have the authority to prescribe courses leading to such customary degrees as are offered at leading American universities and to award all such degrees. It is the intent of the Legislature that such degrees shall include baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees, and their equivalents, but no department, school, or degree program shall be instituted except with the prior approval of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, or its successor. Initial programs and departments will be limited to those which now exist in the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies; provided, however, approval of these programs, their expansion, and initiation of other programs shall be recommended by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System and approved by the Coordinating Board. The Board of Regents shall make such other rules and regulations for the operation, control, and management of the university as may be necessary for the conduct of the university as one of the first class. The Board of Regents is specifically authorized to make joint appointments in the university and in other institutions under its governance, the salary of any such person who receives such joint appointment to be apportioned to the appointing institutions on the basis of services rendered.

45. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 2606c—3.1, §§
1-5.

Sec. 3. It is further the intent of the Legislature, and it is so directed, that existing programs leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees at four North Texas area universities, namely, North Texas State University, Texas Woman's University, East Texas State University, and The University of Texas at Arlington, shall never be placed at a disadvantage, curtailed, or restricted from orderly and proper expansion for any cause attributable to the establishment of, or the curricular objectives for, The University of Texas at Dallas, and that the aforementioned four area universities shall not as a result of the establishment of The University of Texas at Dallas be handicapped in realizing their full potentials in quantity or quality for developing such additional undergraduate and graduate programs, as may from time to time be authorized by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, or its successor.

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, the Board of Regents shall not have authority for or permit the enrollment of freshman or sophomore undergraduate students at any time and shall not provide for or permit the enrollment of junior or senior undergraduate students prior to September 1, 1975. The Board is authorized, however, to provide for the enrollment of graduate students and the awarding of graduate degrees after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 5. The Board of Regents is hereby authorized to accept and administer upon terms and conditions satisfactory to it grants or gifts of property, including real estate and/or money, that may be tendered to it in aid of the planning, establishment, conduct, and operation of The University of Texas at Dallas, and in aid of the research and teaching at the university. The Board of Regents is authorized and empowered to accept from the federal government or any foundation, trust fund, corporation, or individual donations, gifts, and grants, including real estate, buildings, libraries, laboratories, apparatus, equipment, records, or money for the use and benefit of the university.

Sec. 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 this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

Sec. 7. The fact that there is an imperative need for this state institution and the fact that the creation and establishment of The University of Texas at Dallas is in the best interest of all of the people of the State of Texas 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 the Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 2, 1969, by a non-record vote; House refused to concur in Senate amendments on May 29, 1969, and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses; House adopted the Conference Committee Report on May 30, 1969: Yeas 118, Nays 23; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 1969, by a viva-voce vote; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses; Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on May 30, 1969, by a viva-voce vote.

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Effective Sept. 1, 1969, 90 days after date of adjournment.