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Chapter VIII - Health

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Hospital District

Private Acts of 2006 Chapter 116

SECTION 1. Chapter 99 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Private Acts of 1955; Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 1965; Chapter 29 of the Private Acts of 1967; Chapter 154 of the Private Acts of 1992; Chapter 113 of the Private Acts of 1994, and Chapter 174 of the Private Acts of 1996, together with any other acts which amend any thereof, relative to the City of Clarksville and Montgomery County Memorial General Hospital District, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Upon the issuance of public notice by the Memorial General Hospital District of the dissolution of said Hospital District, all of the assets and other property then held by said Hospital District shall be contributed and transferred to the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation, Inc., a Tennessee nonprofit corporations.

SECTION 3. The Memorial General Hospital District (in its own right and as the successor to the charitable interests of the following referenced entities: "Memorial Hospital", "Memorial General Hospital", "Clarksville Memorial Hospital", and "Clarksville Hospital, Inc.") is a beneficiary under the last will and testament of Gussie W. Burney, Finley E. Gracey, Maurice L. Hughes, William Arthur Plummer, Annie S. Plummer and Luther Tippit. From and after the time the said Hospital District gives public notice of the dissolution of said Hospital District, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation, Inc., shall become the substitute beneficiary (replacing said Hospital District in all respects) under the last will and testament of Gussie W. Burney, Finley E. Gracey, William Arthur Plummer, Annie S. Plummer and Luther Tippit, and the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library shall become the substitute beneficiary (replacing said Hospital District in all respects) under the last will and testament of Maurice L. Hughes. Each such substitute beneficiary for said Hospital District named in this section shall be subject to such limitations as are imposed on said Hospital District under each such respective last will and testament or trust.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless and until approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Commission of Montgomery County and the City Council of the City of Clarksville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the County Commission of Montgomery County and the City Council of the City of Clarksville, respectively, and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. 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 as provided in Section 4.

Passed: May 26, 2006.

Indigent Care

Private Acts of 1947 Chapter 594

SECTION 1. That in any County of this State having a population of not less than 33,000 nor more than 33,400 by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census, the County Judge or Chairman of the County Court be, and is, hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such contracts with any reputable hospitals, located in said County, as may be deemed expedient or advisable and upon such basis, terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon for the purpose of securing the care and treatment of the indigent sick and/or injured persons in such County; provided, that no such contracts shall be made for a period of less than one year or more than five years, and that the contractual costs in no case shall exceed the aggregate maximum sum of Twenty-Nine Hundred (\$2,900.00) Dollars per annum; and, provided further, that all such contracts when consummated shall be approved and confirmed by the Quarterly County Court by proper resolution adopted in regular session and spread upon the minutes of the Court.

SECTION 2. That when any such contract shall have become effective and it is made satisfactorily to appear to the County Judge or Chairman of the County Court that some sick or injured person is unable to procure proper care and attention because of poverty, said County Judge or Chairman shall issue an order to said contracting hospital to receive said person for treatment as a county patient. And said hospital shall receive no such patient without such order except in case of emergency wherein it shall become the

duty of the hospital to notify the County Judge or Chairman of the reception of such patient as early as possible thereafter.

SECTION 3. That when any such county patient is without the services of a regular physician and is unable because of poverty to employ one, it shall become the duty of the County Physician of said County to attend said patient and to administer such medical treatment as may be required during his or her retention in said hospital.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to meet the payments of said contracts be appropriated from the general revenue fund of the County and paid according to the tenor thereof by warrants issued by the County Judge or Chairman.

SECTION 5. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 4, 1947.

Private Acts of 1947 Chapter 700

SECTION 1. That the County Judge or Chairman of the County Court in any County of this State having a population of not less than 33,300 nor more than 33,400 by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census, be and is hereby authorized to enter into agreements or contracts with any reputable and responsible person or persons or charitable institution or welfare organization in such County as may be deemed expedient and advisable and upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon for the purpose of providing for the more efficient, equable and economic care of the poor and needy and indigent afflicted persons of the County who are not occupants of or eligible for admission to the County Poorhouse; provided, that no such agreements or contracts shall be made for a period of more than one year and the aggregate costs thereof may not exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars per annum; provided, further, that all such agreements and contracts when made shall be ratified by the Quarterly County Court in regular session convened, and that when so ratified the County Judge or Chairman of the County Court have at all times discretionary powers in the direction and supervision thereof.

SECTION 2. That the moneys due and owing under such agreements and contracts be paid quarterly by the County Judge or Chairman of the County Court by warrants drawn upon the ordinary funds of the County, and as other County expenses are paid.

SECTION 3. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 7, 1947.

Health - Historical Notes

The following summary is included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 99 as amended by Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 206; Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 21; Private Acts of 1967, Chapter 29; Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 154; Private Acts of 1994, Chapter 113 and Private Acts of 1996, Chapter 174, relative to the City of Clarksville and Montgomery County Memorial General Hospital District was repealed by Private Acts of 2006, Chapter 116.

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