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Sincerely,

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The following acts constitute part of the administrative and political heritage of the educational structure of Houston County but are no longer operative since they have either been superseded, repealed, or failed to receive local approval.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 1905, Chapter 276, created a new Special School District, known as School District No. 9, out of parts of the Fourth and Fifth Civil Districts.
2. Acts of 1909, Chapter 327, amended the general law to provide a County Board of Education for Houston County. It was to be composed of a member elected from each civil district, the County Judge and the County Superintendent of Public Instruction.
3. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 799, established the Union School District out of parts of the counties of Houston and Dickson. The legislation creating these special school districts was superseded by the Acts creating a general county-wide Board of Education.
4. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 627, created a Board of Education for Houston County. It was to have eight members, one elected from each Civil District to serve a two year term and the Superintendent of Public Instruction was an ex-officio member. This was amended by Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 631, to provide that the Board of Education could not let school bus contracts for more than three years. Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 380, amended this act so as to allow for the letting of such contracts not more than five years. These Acts were repealed by Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 368, but that Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 27.
5. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 367, provided for the election to the Board of Education of a member from all incorporated towns in Houston County. This was repealed by Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 18.
6. Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 145, set the salary of each member of the Board of Education at \$5 for each day's meeting.

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