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The following summaries are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1935 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 65, provided that in Henry County the duties then imposed by law upon Poor House or County Asylum Commissioners be performed by the Work House Commissioners along with all the powers and duties formerly vested in such Poor House or County Asylum Commissioners.
2. Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 300, authorized the construction of a Home for the Aged in Henry County. The home was to be operated by a five member Board of Trustees who would be compensated as prescribed by the Quarterly County Court. The Trustees were to be elected by the Quarterly County Court. The mission of the Board was to manage the property of the home and provide the highest quality home care for the aged. The budget was to be submitted to the Quarterly County Court for approval and an annual audit to be conducted. This act never received approval by the proper authorities, thus it never became law.
3. Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 24, created a non-profit ambulance service in Henry County to be known as Henry County Ambulance Service. The Ambulance Service was to be operated and controlled by a Board of Trustees who would be paid \$5 per month for their services. The Quarterly County Court would select the successors of the initial members at the expiration of their respective terms. The Board of Trustees was authorized to prepare a informal financial statement for the Quarterly County Court for its regular meetings covering the previous three months operation. The act provided for the books to be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant selected by the Board and the County Judge and approved by the Quarterly County Court.
4. Private Acts of 1975, Chapter 113, amended Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 24, by allowing for an audit to be done on the Henry County Ambulance Service by a Certified Public Accountant as well as a Public Accountant.
5. Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 307, amended Private Acts of 1975, Chapter 113 and Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 24, to provide that the budget of the Henry County Ambulance Service prepared by its Board of Trustees be submitted to the County Commission for its approval in lieu of the Quarterly County Court.
6. Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 93, amended Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 24, as amended to provide that the Board of Trustees for the Henry County Ambulance Service be five in number and compensated at one-half the rate established by law from time to time for compensation for County Commissioners attending meetings of the County Commission. The act also required that the Board hold regular monthly meetings.
7. Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 94, repealed Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 24, as amended.
8. Private Acts of 1994, Chapter 157, repealed Private Acts of 1968, Chapter 354, which had created and established a non-profit Nursing and Rest Home District, to be known as Henry County Nursing and Rest Home District.

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