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**SECTION 1.** That a Special School District be and the same is hereby created and established, embracing and being all of the Ninth and part of the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Civil Districts of Crockett County, Tennessee, including the town of Crockett Mills, to be known and designated as the "Crockett Mills High School District," with the following boundaries:

Starting at point where State Highway 152 intersects Buck Creek, follow Buck Creek to its junction with middle fork of Forked Deere River, thence along the meanders of Forked Deere North to Eaton Levee. West on Friendship-Eaton Road to Jackson's Store, thence south on Elizabeth-Crockett Mills Road to Leath's Corner, west on Friendship Road to Ballentine's Corner, then south to Crockett Mills-Friendship road, following Creek 300 yards South to Crockett Mills Road (Maury Junction Corner), following Crockett Mills-Maury Junction Road crossing Highway 20 and continuing to intersect of Pond Creek, following Pond Creek upstream to Brimms-Corner-Crockett Mills Road, then northeast crossing Highway 20 to Peale Road, north on Peale Road to Cairo Road, east on Cairo road, with its meanders to Alamo-Nance Road at Laman's Corner, crossing Alamo-Nance road to intersection at Highway 152, then east to starting point at Buck Creek; and this description shall be interpreted to include all lands immediately adjoining any of the boundary roads mentioned in this paragraph but shall not include any lands immediately adjoining water boundaries mentioned in this paragraph, it being the intent of the General Assembly to include within the school district all of the area and territory served by the said school district's buses.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 130

**SECTION 2.** That the officers of said Crockett Mills High School District shall consist of a Board of seven members who, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, the majority of whom shall make a quorum for transaction of business. The first Board shall consist of James C. Hamlett, Austin E. Harber, J. G. Tucker, W. H. Welch, W. C. Hefley, H. A. Dunevant and W. S. Corbett, each of whom shall be freeholders and having resided for more than six months within the above said boundaries. All vacancies that may occur in this body shall be filled by the Board, no one being eligible except those who are twenty-five years or more of age, and who are freeholders and householders within said boundaries and of good moral character and having at least an elementary school education. Said Board shall organize by electing a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of this Board.

**SECTION 3.** That said Board herein created and their successors in office shall constitute and are hereby declared the Board of Directors of "Crockett Mills High School District," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have continual succession for the purpose hereinafter designated; may have a common seal, and make such by-laws and regulations from time to time as they may deem proper herein and as is consistent with the authority herein conferred and the laws of the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of carrying into effect the object for which they are created.

**SECTION 4.** That the officers of said School District shall serve for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and that the said school officers shall be elected by the qualified voters residing in the said "Crockett Mills High School District;" provided the officers herein named shall serve until the regular August election in 1924, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

**SECTION 5.** That the powers and duties of said Board of Directors are as above and hereinafter set out, to-wit:

- (1) To establish and maintain a High School at Crockett Mills, in said district, wherein shall be taught all branches now required to be taught by the elementary and High schools of the State and in which may be taught a commercial or business course and also a course preparatory for university work at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- (2) To employ competent teachers and as many as they see proper for said school or schools, fix their salaries and for lawful reasons discharge them.
- (3) To open and close the school or schools and determine the length thereof.
- (4) To build and keep in repair school buildings, out-buildings, grounds and any other school buildings or school property that may be included in said school district or that said Board may see fit to erect, take over and maintain.
- (5) To use the school funds coming into their hands from whatever source and in such a manner as will in their judgment and discretion best promote the interest of said school district.
- (6) To order and have taken a census of the children within said district according to school laws of the State of Tennessee, and report same, properly certified, to the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to the County Trustee of Crockett County, Tennessee, as soon as practicable after the taking effect of this Act.

(7) To hold regular meetings at the time and place prescribed by them, and special meetings when called by the President, or by any four of the Board of Directors, four members to constitute a quorum of said Board.

(8) To hold in trust school property, real and personal, if in the bounds of said school district, and to dispose of same, the real estate by deed and the personal property of either public or private sale, as they in their discretion may see proper, and apply the proceeds for and to the benefit of said school district.

(9) To provide means of transportation for the children living remote from the school building or buildings within said school district, and pay for same out of any school funds that may come into their hands.

(10) To have full power to lay out and designate the routes and roads over which the means of transportation herein provided for shall pass, and the time thereof, and said transportation shall be to and from the school building or buildings within said Special School District daily while the school or schools are in session. But nothing in this Act shall be construed to give the Board of Directors of the Crockett Mills High School District any authority to expend County School Funds, of Crockett County, except in conjunction with the Board of Education of Crockett County.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 782

**SECTION 6.** That after making the report of school census as provided by the Subsection 6 of Section 5 of this Act, the County Trustee shall apportion to the said school district for the maintenance of said school or schools its per capita or pro rata share of all school funds of the county then or thereafter in his hands according to such of the 1921 funds said school districts, which it bears to that of Crockett County, and the County Trustee shall also apportion to said school district its per capita or pro rata share of the State school fund paid to said county by the State. Such school census shall be taken annually, and the funds apportioned each year thereafter as herein provided by this Act. But nothing in this Act shall be construed to violate any of the provisions of the General Law of the State, with reference to the prorating of the general school fund to the schools within said Crockett Mills High School District.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 782

**SECTION 7.** That for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the school or schools of the said school district, and for supplementing the school funds for said district, so that school terms for said school or schools may be extended and continued for nine months each year, if possible, as a free public school, there is hereby assessed for the year 1921, and for each subsequent year thereafter, a tax of sixteen cents on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable property, both real and personal, situated within said "Crockett Mills High School District," and there is also assessed for said purposes one dollar poll tax on all persons who are subject to poll tax in said district between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years of age. The basis of assessment for said tax on such property shall be the assessed value as shown by the books of the County Trustee, and all taxes assessed on real estate are a lien upon such real estate. The taxes herein assessed shall become due and be collected at the time and in the same manner as taxes under the general laws of the State by the County Trustee.

The said taxes herein provided for, together with all other school funds received from the County Trustee, shall constitute the school fund for said school district, which funds shall be under the control of said Board of School Directors for the use and benefit of the said "Crockett Mills High School District."

No part of said funds shall be paid out by the Treasurer of said school district except by order of said Board of School Directors and upon warrants properly drawn and signed by the President and Secretary of said Board of School Directors; provided, further, that no personal property of the taxpayers within said school district shall be exempt from levy or execution for their said tax assessments on personalty and polls herein assessed by this Act; and provided that the County Tax Assessor shall prepare a separate and complete list of all taxable property, both real and personal, and all polls within said school listric (sic) for the use of the County Trustee in making collection of said taxes.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 782  
Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 163  
Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 199  
Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 168  
Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 8  
Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101  
Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227  
Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 38

**SECTION 8.** That all children living within the boundaries of said "Crockett Mills High School District" shall be entitled to the benefits of the funds arising from the provisions of this Act, and are to be entitled to free tuition in the school or schools operated by said Board of Directors as aforesaid; provided this shall apply to such children as are between the ages of six and twenty-one years of age; but no tuition shall be charged any child or children for any course of study that may be taught in any school or schools within said district under supervision of said Board.

The Board of School Directors for said school district shall have power to admit by contract persons over school age or non-residence of the district or county or State, upon the payment of such reasonable rates of tuition and under such regulations as the said Board of Directors may prescribe for persons not entitled to admission in the said school or schools free of charge. All tuition shall be paid to the Treasurer of said Board of Directors for the use and benefit of the said school district and shall be paid out as other funds collected and received by said school district.

**SECTION 9.** That the said Board of School Directors shall within ten days after this Act takes effect, meet and elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The members of said Board of School Directors shall serve without compensation except that the Secretary may be allowed and receive lawful compensation for taking the census or scholastic population of said school district or for having the same done each year. The Secretary of said Board shall keep a true and correct record of all meetings and business transacted by said Board in a minute book to be provided for such purpose, and the Treasurer shall keep a true and correct account of all funds coming into his hands and of all disbursements. The Treasurer shall enter into bond sufficient to cover all school funds coming into his hands and belonging to the said "Crockett Mills High School District," which shall be fixed by the said Board of Directors, and shall be payable to the State of Tennessee for the use and benefit of said school district and it shall be approved by the President of said Board and filed with the Secretary thereof.

**SECTION 10.** That said Board shall not employ any person or persons as principal of the school or schools herein created who has not had the equivalent of a high school education and passed a satisfactory examination as to same. Said principal shall have general superintendence over all schools in operation under control of said Board of Directors with special reference to the grading and promotion of pupils thereof. Said Board shall not employ any person or persons as assistant teachers in said school or schools who have not passed a satisfactory examination in the courses in which they are to teach under the rules and regulations prescribed for teachers by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 11.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** There was never a Section 12 to this Act.

**SECTION 13.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]  
As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

**SECTION 14.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]  
As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

**SECTION 15.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]  
As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 101

**SECTION 16.** [Deleted by Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 227]  
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