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Private Acts of 1943 Chapter 125

SECTION 1. That the County of Hamilton, State of Tennessee, by and through its County Council in regular or special session assembled is hereby authorized to purchase land in Hamilton County consisting of the amount of acreage the Council may deem necessary upon which to erect a County Workhouse and all other necessary buildings and the equipment for the same and to provide necessary equipment for farming and cultivating said land, and to purchase live stock.

SECTION 2. That said County Council is authorized to appropriate sufficient funds of the county to finance the same.

SECTION 3. That the Department of Highways and Public Works of Hamilton County may work the convicts of Hamilton County in the operation of said Work House and the farming and cultivation of said land.

SECTION 4. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: Jnauary [sic] 22, 1943.

Private Acts of 1943 Chapter 326

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act should be read in conjunction with Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 204.

SECTION 1. That Chapter 204 of the Private Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for the year 1915, and any and all amendatory Acts thereof be and the same are hereby amended so as to provide as follows:

SECTION 2. That the Department of Highways and Public Works of Hamilton County, Tennessee, may work and use its County Convicts and prisoners in farming and cultivating any lands or farms owned or operated by Hamilton County, Tennessee.

SECTION 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 5, 1943.

Hamilton County Penal Farm

Private Acts of 1973 Chapter 39

SECTION 1. The Silverdale facility in Hamilton County and heretofore named the "Hamilton County Penal Farm" by the County Council of said County, be and the same is hereby officially named the "Hamilton County Penal Farm" and authority is given to keep the necessary records as well as taking any other action deemed necessary for Hamilton County to make claim against the State of Tennessee for keeping State prisoners in said Hamilton County Penal Farm, and in the amount as is set out in Section 41-1143 of Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 2. Before this act becomes effective the same must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the governing body of Hamilton County, the same being the County Council of said County, and, that said vote shall be taken within thirty (30) days from the enactment of this act. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the governing body of Hamilton County, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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 upon being approved as provided in Section 2.

Passed: April 4, 1973.

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