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The following summaries are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 399, authorized the county of Tipton, by and through its quarterly county court, to establish, equip, maintain and operate a county hospital. In order to accomplish this, the county was also authorized to issue and sell bonds in a sum not to exceed \$200,000, bearing an interest rate not to exceed 6%, and to mature at a time or times not to exceed forty years. To insure satisfactory operation of the hospital, the county was authorized to create a "Hospital Operation and Maintenance Fund", and to levy an annual tax on all taxable property of the county for said fund. This act was specifically repealed by Private Acts of 1995, Chapter 91.
2. Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 86, as amended by Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 76, Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 198, Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 154, and Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 260, authorized Tipton County (by reference to the 1960 Federal Census population figures) to operate a nonprofit hospital. The hospital was to be governed and controlled by a board of commissioners composed of nine members, none of which could be a member of the healing arts, nor could more than two members of the quarterly county court be members of the board at any one time. Seven of the nine members were to be elected, for different term lengths as specified in the act. The board of commissioners was to be vested with full, absolute and complete authority and responsibility for the operation, management, conduct and control of the business and affairs of the hospital. The authority and responsibility was more specifically stated within the act. The board was to prepare and submit an annual budget to the quarterly county court. A special tax was authorized to be levied for the repair, maintenance, and upkeep of said hospital. This act was specifically repealed by Private Acts of 1995, Chapter 94.
3. Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 312, created and established a non-profit ambulance authority, to be know as the "Tipton County Ambulance Authority", and to provide ambulance service to the public. The ambulance authority was to be operated and controlled by a board of trustees consisting of five members who were to be elected for five-year terms and serve without compensation. The board of trustees was to be vested with full and complete power, authority and responsibility for the operation, management, conduct and control of the business and affairs of the ambulance authority. Those responsibilities were more specifically stated therein. The board was to prepare and submit to the quarterly county court an annual budget, and submit quarterly a complete financial statement and report. The Quarterly County Court authorized Tipton County to levy a tax upon all taxable property within the county, and said court was authorized to issue general obligation bonds, to be designated "Ambulance Authority Bonds", to pay the cost of the vehicles, equipment, facilities, buildings and other properties required in the operation of the authority. This act was specifically repealed by Private Acts of 1995, Chapter 95.
4. Private Acts of 1984, Chapter 156, was an attempt at amending Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 8, Section 1, but was not acted upon, locally, prior to the publication of the 1984 Private Acts volume. At the time of this update, it was not ascertainable, either from the secretary of state's office or from the Tipton County Court Clerk, whether or not any action had ever been taken on this act; therefore, it is referenced herein for historical purposes only.
5. Private Acts of 1984, Chapter 184, was also an attempt at amending Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 8, and appears to be a revision of the entire act. However, this act was also not acted upon, locally, prior to publication of the 1984 Private Acts volume, and it was unascertainable whether or not the county legislative body had ever taken any action on the act.
6. Private Acts of 1997, Chapter 59, repealed Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 8, and any amendatory acts thereto relative to the Perpetual Trust Fund for Medically Indigent Services in Tipton County.
7. Private Acts of 2017, Chapter 23, repealed Private Acts of 1983, Chapter 72, relative to litter and refuse control in Tipton County.

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