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# Oneida School District

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# Oneida School District

## Bonds

### Private Acts of 1959 Chapter 141

**SECTION 1.** That the Oneida Independent School District in Oneida, Scott County, Tennessee, as created by Chapter 371 of the Private Acts of 1915, through its School Board members, in regular or special meeting assembled, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its interest-bearing short term or long term notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) for the purpose of buying additional school land, improving school land, erecting, adding to and equipping school buildings, and to levy a tax or taxes for the payment of same. Said short term or long term notes shall bear interest at a rate of not exceeding four and one half percent (4½) per annum, and shall be in such denominations or payable according to such terms as the Oneida School Board may direct in said resolution authorizing the issuance of said notes; provided, however, that the aggregate amount of said note or notes shall mature within twelve years (12) after the date of issuance and shall be disposed of at not less than par and accrued interest and in such manner as the Oneida School Board may direct.

**SECTION 2.** That the said notes shall be signed by the Chairman of said Oneida Independent School District, and counter-signed by the Secretary of said School District, and such obligations as may be issued hereunder shall be incontestable obligations of the said Oneida Independent School District.

**SECTION 3.** That in order to provide funds with which to pay principal and interest of said obligations as may be issued hereunder, there is hereby levied a continuing annual tax upon all taxable property in said School District sufficient for that purpose, and in the sum of Ninetyfive cents (95¢) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of Taxable property within the boundary of the Oneida Independent School District, beginning with the year 1959 and continuing until said notes have been paid in full as to both principal and interest; said taxes shall be annually extended and collected by the County Officials of Scott County, Tennessee in the manner provided by the general law for the extension and collection of county taxes. The taxes collected will be paid to the Treasurer of the Oneida Independent School District, who shall place the same in a separate fund which shall be used only for the purposes of paying the principal and interest on the said notes herein authorized to be issued. The said taxes so authorized under this Act shall constitute a lien on the property within said district with like force and effect as do county taxes. The Oneida Independent School District is authorized and required to apply at least one third (1/3) of the Capital outlay received yearly from the State of Tennessee, to the reduction of said notes, and the reduction of same should the tax rate of Ninety-five cents not be required to pay the yearly obligation incurred by issuance of said notes, then the tax rate shall be reduced accordingly and the county (sic) officials so notified of same.

**SECTION 4.** That the notes herein authorized shall be exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 5.** That all laws or parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and any part of this Act held unconstitutional shall not affect the remaining parts hereof, and said remaining parts shall remain valid.

**SECTION 6.** That this Act shall not take effect unless the same shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Oneida School Board at a called or regular meeting of the Oneida School Board occurring more than 30 days after its approval by the Chief Executive of this State; its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Chairman of the Oneida Independent School District, Scott County, Tennessee, he being the presiding officer of the Oneida School Board, and the same shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State and upon the certification to the Secretary of State, of the approval of this Act, the same shall take effect from and after the date thereof, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 6, 1959

### Private Acts of 1963 Chapter 3

WHEREAS, The Oneida Independent School District in Scott County, Tennessee was recently audited by Chitwood and Coleman of Oneida, Tennessee and at the close of the fiscal year on July 1, 1962 was found to be operating under a deficit of \$35,000, and

WHEREAS, The Oneida Independent School District Board of Education has requested authority to issue

bonds, the same to be retired from the proceeds of a special tax levy within such district if approved by the qualified voters within such District,

Now Therefore:

**SECTION 1.** That the Oneida Independent School District in Scott County, Tennessee, as created by Chapter 371 of the Private Acts of 1915, State of Tennessee, is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and issue its negotiable bonds therefor in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be known as "funding bonds" for the purposes of providing funds for the payment of its operating deficit, including debts and obligations, and the expenses incidental to the issuance of said bonds and any remaining balance to be available for general expenses of said School District. Said bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding five (5%) per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, shall mature serially or otherwise in not exceeding twenty (20) years after date thereof and shall be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as may be provided by Resolution of the Board of said School District. Said bonds shall be in such form and of such denominations and shall be sold in such manner as the Board may provide by Resolution, but in no event shall such bonds be sold for less than par and accrued interest. The Board is authorized and empowered to do and perform all Acts which may be necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and sale of said bonds. Said bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board and attested by the Secretary of said Board and the coupons attached thereto shall be signed by the facsimile signatures of said officials.

**SECTION 2.** That for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest and any redemption premium on the school bonds herein authorized there is hereby levied a continuing annual tax of Fifty (50¢) Cents on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable property in said Oneida Independent School District, beginning with the year 1963 and continuing until said bonds have been paid in full as to both principal and interest. Said taxes shall be annually extended and collected by the County Officials of Scott County in the manner provided by the general law for the extension and collection of county taxes and shall constitute a lien on the property against which they are levied with like force and effect as do county taxes. The proceeds of said taxes, as collected, shall be placed in a special fund and shall be used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest and redemption premiums on the school bonds herein authorized.

**SECTION 3.** That the bonds herein authorized shall be exempt from all State, County and Municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 4.** That the bonds herein authorized shall not be issued until the issuance thereof has been ordered by a majority of the qualified voters of said district voting in an election called for such purpose by the election commissioners of Scott County pursuant to the request of the Board of said District. Such election shall be held in the same manner and by the same officials as general elections are required to be held in Scott County and notice thereof shall be given at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of said election by publication of an appropriate notice not less than one time in a newspaper of general circulation in such District. At such election the ballot shall state briefly the maximum amount of bonds to be authorized and the purpose for which such bonds are to be authorized and shall contain the words "for the issuance of bonds" and "against the issuance of bonds." Opposite each of said phrases shall be a hollow square and the elector shall indicate his vote "for the issuance of bonds" or "against the issuance of bonds" by inserting a mark in the square opposite the appropriate phrase. The election commissioners of Scott County shall canvass the returns of such election and determine and declare in writing the results thereof. Such declaration shall constitute conclusive evidence of the results of said election.

**SECTION 5.** That said operating deficit, including debts and obligations incurred, is hereby validated and declared to be valid obligations of said Independent School District, and declared to have been incurred in the operation of the District's Schools, and necessary for the operation of said schools.

**SECTION 6.** That if any one or more provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall ever be held by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions hereof and the application thereof to persons or circumstances other than those which it is held to be invalid shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 7.** That all laws or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 17, 1963.

## Private Acts of 1990 Chapter 147

**SECTION 1.** The Oneida Special School District, Scott County, Tennessee, created by Chapter 371 of the

Private Acts of 1915, is hereby authorized to borrow money and issue its bonds therefor in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing and equipping schools and additions thereto for the school district, and acquiring all property, real and personal, appurtenant thereto or connected with such work. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding ten percent (10%) per annum, payable annually or semiannually, and shall mature serially or otherwise in not exceeding twenty (20) years after the date thereof, as may be provided by resolution of the board of education of the school district. The bonds shall be in such form and of such denominations, may be made subject to redemption prior to maturity, with or without premium, and shall be sold as a whole or in part from time to time in such manner as the board of education shall provide by resolution, but in no event shall such bonds be sold for less than par value plus accrued interest. The board of education is authorized and empowered to do and perform all acts and enter into all agreements which may be necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of education and attested by the secretary of the board in such manner as the board of education shall provide by resolution.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest and any redemption premiums on the school bonds herein authorized, there is hereby levied a continuing annual tax of seventy cents (70¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of taxable property in the Oneida Special School District, beginning with approval of this act as provided in Section 5, and continuing until the bonds have been paid in full as to both principal and interest. The taxes shall be annually extended and collected by the county officials of Scott County in the manner provided by the general law for the extension and collection of county taxes and shall constitute a lien on the property against which they are levied with like force and effect as do county taxes. The proceeds of the taxes, as collected, shall be placed in a special fund and shall be used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest and any redemption premiums on the school bonds herein authorized.

**SECTION 3.** The bonds herein authorized shall be exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 4.** Before any bonds are issued and sold by the district, there shall be an election held in such district by the Scott County Election Commission. Within thirty (30) days after the school board adopts a resolution in accordance with this section, the Scott County Election Commission shall call an election for the Oneida Special School District, to be held not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the call. All qualified voters of the Special School District and all nonresident property owners in the Special School District shall have the right to vote in the election and there shall be placed upon the ballot used in such election, the language:

For the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) and for an increase of seventy cents (70¢) in the property tax rate to pay for such bonds. and the language:

"Against the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) and against an increase of seventy cents (70¢) in the property tax rate to pay for such bonds.", so that the voters in such election shall vote for or against the issuance of such bonds as they may desire. It shall be the duty of the Scott County Election Commission to call and hold such election upon a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of such special school district and filed with the Election Commission. If such resolution is not adopted within ten (10) business days of the effective date of this act, then this act shall be null and void. The votes cast on the question shall be canvassed and the results proclaimed by the County Election Commission and certified by it to the Secretary of State as provided by law in the case of General Elections. The qualifications of voters voting on the question shall be the same as those required for participation in General Elections. All laws applicable to General Elections shall apply to the determination of the approval or rejection of this act. The cost of the election shall be paid by the district.

**SECTION 5.** In any election held under this act in which a majority of the voters voting in such election vote for the issuance of such bonds, it shall be the duty of the Special School District Board of Education to issue and sell such bonds in accordance with the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 6.** If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 12, 1990.

## Private Acts of 1993 Chapter 72

**SECTION 1.** The Oneida Special School District is authorized to refinance the one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) of indebtedness authorized by and subject to the provisions of Chapter 147 of the Private Acts of 1990. Notwithstanding the provisions of such act to the contrary, the amount of the refinanced indebtedness may exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) if the tax rate provided in Chapter 147 generates sufficient revenue to repay such indebtedness and the expenses of such refinancing.

**SECTION 2.** Any funds in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) which become available as a result of refinancing indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 shall be expended for the construction and equipping of new facilities in such district.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 10, 1993.

## Private Acts of 1994 Chapter 139

**SECTION 1.** The Oneida Special School District, Scott County, Tennessee, created by Chapter 371 of the Private Acts of 1915 and Chapter 178 of the Private Acts of 1975, acting by resolution of its board of education, is hereby authorized to borrow money and issue and sell its interest-bearing notes and/or bonds for the purpose of refinancing existing obligations and/or acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing and equipping schools, and additions thereto for the school district and acquiring all property, real and personal, appurtenant thereto or connected with such work. The maximum principal amount of bonds and/or notes authorized to be issued shall not exceed \$1,000,000 plus the amount necessary to refinance such existing obligations, plus the costs of such refinancing and the issuance and sale of the notes and/or bonds. The notes and/or bonds shall be sold for not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of par plus accrued interest. The notes and/or bonds may be sold in one (1) or more series, may bear such date or dates, may bear interest at such rate or rates (which may vary from time to time), may be payable at such time or times, may be in such denomination or denominations, may be in such form, either coupon or registered, may be payable at such place or places, may be executed in such manner, may be payable in such medium of payment, and may be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without a premium, all as may be provided by resolution of the board of education of the school district. The notes and/or bonds may be sold in such manner either at a competitive public sale or at a private negotiated sale as the school district may direct. The Board of Education of the school district is authorized and empowered to do and perform all acts and enter into all agreements which may be necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and a sale of the notes and/or bonds. The notes and/or bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of education of the school district and attested by the secretary in such manner as the Board of Education shall provide by resolution. No public referendum or election of the voters of the school district shall be necessary in order for the school district to issue and sell the notes and/or bonds authorized herein.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of paying principal on and interest and any redemption premium on the notes and/or bonds herein authorized, the school district may pledge any and all revenues, receipts, grants, gifts or other funds which may be paid to or come into the school district from time to time, unless such pledge is otherwise prohibited by law.

**SECTION 3.** Any notes and/or bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act and the income therefrom shall be exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee, unless otherwise provided by applicable law.

**SECTION 4.** So long as any of the notes and/or bonds shall remain outstanding and unpaid, the tax levied by authority of Chapter 147 of the Private Acts of 1990, shall continue to be levied at the rates set forth in Section 2 of such act, to be used solely to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes and/or bonds and any other obligations of the district now outstanding or which may hereafter be issued pursuant to lawful legislative authorization. Such taxes shall continue to be collected by the Trustee of the County, as other taxes are collected, and kept in a separate account from all other funds belonging to the district to be used for the purposes set forth herein. Such taxes shall constitute a lien on the property against which they are levied with like force and effect as do county taxes. The Board of Education of the district is authorized to pledge such taxes as necessary to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes and/or bonds.

**SECTION 5.** The district is further authorized to issue at any time in accordance with the terms hereof bonds and/or notes to refund any bonds and/or notes issued hereunder.

**SECTION 6.** If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held

invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 9, 1994.

## Private Acts of 1975 Chapter 178

**SECTION 1.** There is created in Scott County an independent, special school district to be known and designated as the Oneida Special School District empowered to operate a public school system comparable to those operated by counties under existing and future state laws and encompassing the area within the following lines and boundaries:

Beginning at the first mile post on the C.S.R.R. north of where Charles Marcum lives, thence northwardly and westwardly with the top of a ridge dividing the waters of Bear Creek and Pine Creek to a point in wagon road known as the narrows, northeast of where Lucy Banks Buell lives. Thence with the top of a ridge dividing the waters of Williams and Pine Creek to a point in wagon road, east of what is known as John Fosters' place, thence southwardly to a point in wagon road where John Coffee and Jessie Burchfield's land joins, thence southwardly in a direct line to a point in the S.C. Railroad where Joe Marcum's and W.F. Thomas' line joins, thence southeastwardly to Linday's Ferry, including his place, thence southwardly to the top of a ridge dividing Paint Rock and Pine Creek, thence following top of said ridge northwardly and eastwardly to a point in the Buffalo Road at the top of hill, known as Dick Smith's Hill. Thence eastwardly with said wagon road to a point where the wagon road leading from Nick Stanley's intersect (sic) the Buffalo road; thence northwardly in a direct line to the place of beginning. The inhabitants of the described area shall be and constitute the inhabitants of the Oneida Special School District and for the purposes of this Act, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, clothed with all powers and entitled to all the privileges and advantages of said Oneida Special School District.

**SECTION 2.** A Board of Education, composed of five (5) members, all of whom shall be more than twenty-one (21) years old and bona fide residents of and qualified voters in the Oneida Special School District, is created and established for the Oneida Special School District, which Board of Education shall have the management and control of the public schools therein, under such rules and regulations as such boards are empowered to make. The members of the Board of Education shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Special School District, at the August General Election, to take office on September 1 following their election and shall hold their offices for four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The first Board of Education of the Oneida Special School District, which is hereby constituted and appointed, shall consist of the following named persons, to-wit: Dr. Milford Thompson, Robert Wright, Dr. A. K. McCartt, Vester Blevins and L. E. Stanley, each of whom, upon qualification, shall continue as such member of said Board of Education, as follows: the said Dr. Milford Thompson and Robert Wright shall serve until September 1, 1976, and Dr. A. K. McCartt, Vester Blevins and L. E. Stanley shall serve until September 1, 1978, and all until their successors are elected and qualified.

In the event of a vacancy among the members of said Board of Education who are herein appointed or elected by the voters of the Special School District as above provided, the remaining members of the Board of Education shall have the power to fill, and shall fill, such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall hold office until the next regular biennial election, and until a successor is elected and qualified.

**SECTION 3.** The Board of Education shall organize by electing a chairman, a vicechairman, a secretary-treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the said Board. Upon such an organization being perfected, the Board of Education shall proceed with its duties of managing and controlling the schools in the special school district under the powers herein given.

**SECTION 4.** The management and control of the schools within the special school district shall continue from the present time until June 30, 1975, in the hands of the present Board of Education of the Oneida Independent School District as now constituted and that all funds belonging to said Oneida Independent School District, as now constituted, on June 30, 1975, shall be transferred to the Board of Education of the Oneida Special School District as created hereunder. All taxes heretofore levied for the benefit of said Oneida Independent School District, as now constituted, but now (sic) collected by June 30, 1975, shall, when collected, be credited to the Oneida Special School District as created hereunder.

**SECTION 5.** The members of the Board of Education shall serve without compensation, but provision and allowance may be made for payment for reasonable and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The Board of Education shall prescribe the rules and regulations for its government, and shall meet at such stated intervals as may be prescribed by its rules and regulations, and may hold such special meetings as may be necessary or advisable, of all which special meetings all members shall have the notice prescribed by its rules and regulations.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Education shall enter into bond with proper conditions, sufficient to cover the school funds belonging to the Oneida Special School District which may be received, the amount of the penalty of which bond shall be determined by the Board of Education, and the bond shall be payable to the state of Tennessee for the use and benefit of the Oneida Special School District, and such bond shall be approved by and filed with the Chairman of the Board of Education.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Education shall keep a true and correct record of all meetings and business transactions of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be required from time to time by the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer of said Board of Education shall keep a true and correct amount of all monies received and disbursed, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be required by the Board.

All necessary books, blank forms and stationery for the proper keeping of records by the Secretary-Treasurer shall be provided by the Board and paid for as an expense incident to the management, control and maintenance of said schools, and all such books, records and other papers in connection with the administration of said schools shall be carefully preserved by the respective officers keeping same, and upon the expiration of their terms of office, shall be delivered to their successors.

**SECTION 6.** The Board of Education, a majority of which shall at all times constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, shall have all the powers usually incident to and belonging to boards of education of counties and municipal corporations, and shall have full power as trustee or directors to manage and control the public schools of the Special School District, and the Board of Education shall make, or cause to be made, and properly verified and certified, all necessary and proper reports of scholastic population, average daily attendance, and other statistical data with reference to the schools of the District, to the county trustee, county school superintendent and state commissioner of education, all as required by and in accordance with the general laws of the state governing the management and control of public schools of the state, of the class and character contemplated by this Act. The Board of Education shall prescribe all reasonable and necessary rules and regulations for the management, government and control of such schools, and shall employ such superintendents, teachers, and other personnel as may be necessary in their conduct and management.

**SECTION 7.** The County Trustee of Scott County, from and after July 1, 1975, shall apportion to the Oneida Special School District, for the management of the schools therein provided for, the pro rata share of all school funds in his hands, to which the Oneida Special School District is entitled, which apportionment, as between said Oneida Special School District and the remainder of Scott County, shall be made each year in proportion to the average daily attendance in the schools provided for in the Special School District, in the same manner that apportionments on basis of average daily attendance for the previous year are made among the several counties and other subdivisions of the state, in the apportionment of the public school funds under the general school law. In the event that the basis of apportionment of school funds shall be, by subsequent legislation, changed, the apportionment under this Act will conform to the general law governing apportionments, so that the Special School District shall at all times receive the apportionment and pro rata of the public school funds to which it is by law entitled. And this apportionment shall apply not only to the pro rata share of any and all school taxes assessed and collected locally by Scott County under general law, but also the pro rata share of said Special School District in the state school funds paid over to said County Trustee by the state pursuant to law.

**SECTION 8.** The Board of Education shall have the authority to enter into contracts for the rental, purchase, or construction of school buildings and for the sale, exchange, rental or purchase of real estate to be used for school purposes, payments due under such contracts to be made by the Board of Education from the funds available to it.

**SECTION 9.** For the purpose of supporting, maintaining and for debt service fund requirements of the schools of the Special School District, and for the purpose of supplementing the school funds as now provided by law and available for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Special School District, there is hereby assessed for the year 1975, and for each subsequent year thereafter, a special tax of thirty-five cents (35¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable property, both real and personal, situated within the boundaries of the Oneida Special School District. The basis of assessment on such property shall be the assessed value as shown by the books of the County Trustee, and the taxes assessed on real estate shall be a lien thereon. The taxes herein assessed shall become due and be collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes under the general laws of the state by the County Trustee, and the special taxes herein provided for, together with all school funds received from the County Trustee



shall constitute the school fund for the said Special School District, which school fund shall, from time to time, as collections and apportionments are made, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Special School District, or as the Board of Education of the Special School District may direct, by the county trustee, and shall be under the control of the Board of Education for the use and benefit of the Special School District, and for the maintenance and operation of the schools therein provided for and for no other purpose. No part of the school fund shall be paid out by the Treasurer of the Special School District or otherwise, except upon and by the order of the Board of Education upon warrants properly drawn and signed by its Chairman or Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. The separate tax list and assessment roll for the Oneida Special School District of Scott County shall be used by the County Trustee in making the collection of such taxes.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 141

**SECTION 10.** The branches of study designated and prescribed in the general school laws of the state of Tennessee shall be taught in the schools of the Special School District, and such schools shall be open to all children residing in the Special School District, who are legally entitled to attend the same under the school laws of the state.

The Board of Education of the Special School District shall have the power to, and may, admit by contract to the schools of such District persons over school age or nonresident of the Special School District, upon terms and under such regulations as may be prescribed for such persons. Any tuition under this clause shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Education for the use and benefit of the Special School District, and shall be expended and paid out as other school funds collected and received for the maintenance and operation of schools.

**SECTION 11.** The Board of Education of the Special School District hereby created and provided for shall not be under the direction or control of the County Board of Education, or of the county school superintendent of Scott County, but its policy shall be in harmony with the general system of public schools of the state, and all necessary and proper reports, properly verified and signed, shall be made, and full cooperation with the public school system of this state shall be observed, in harmony with the general school law, as other special districts are maintained.

**SECTION 12.** Any bonds heretofore issued for the use and benefit of the Special School District established by Chapter 371 of the Private Acts of 1915 and amended by Chapter 835 of the Private Acts of 1929 and Chapter 665 of the Private Acts of 1935 are validated and confirmed and the liability for the payment of principal and interest on such bonds shall attach to the Special School District created herein.

**SECTION 13.** Chapter 371 of the Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 835 of the Private Acts of 1929 and Chapter 665 of the Private Acts of 1935, are repealed.

**SECTION 14.** If any section, part of section, or provision of this Act shall be ascertained to be unconstitutional, the invalidity of such section, part of section or provision, shall not impair the validity of the remainder of the Act, and to that end, the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 15.** This Act shall take effect July 1, 1975, the public welfare requiring it.

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