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The following summaries are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 703, recited that G. C. Houghson actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry for 28 years, and was recognized during the World War in his profession and was in charge of a hospital in his profession for nine months. The act authorized him to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry in Tennessee including making tuberculin tests and issuing certificates in connection therewith, and directed the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue him a license without the necessity of undergoing examinations therefor.
2. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 583, directed the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a permanent license to G. C. Houghson to practice veterinary medicine, his having been issued previously two temporary licenses which were registered in the County Court Clerk's office. He would pay a fee of \$10.00 when the said license was issued. The spelling of the surname differed from the 1935 act above.
3. Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 201, created a non-profit hospital district and described the area included therein. It would be controlled by a Board of Trustees composed of five men and a chairman. The County Judge would be an ex-officio member of the Board. The act enumerated the specific powers of the Board and named Hoskin Shadow, James Gray, Alfred J. Gipson, Gordon Pogue, and James Henry Hawkins as the members of the first Board. It created the office of administrator and defined his duties. The act was not approved by local authorities and therefore did not become effective.
4. Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 349, created the Franklin County Hospital District and established its management and operation in the same manner as the 1963 non-profit district act described above. The act and all its amendments were repealed by Private Acts of 1983, Chapter 3, reprinted herein.
5. Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 290, amended Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 349, above, so that the hospital district would include the property known as Memorial Hospital Property and authorized the Board of Trustees of the hospital district to accept donations and gifts for the purpose of carrying on the business of the district.
6. Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 41, amended Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 349, above, by increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees from five to six, by requiring two members of the board to be County Commissioners, and by removing the requirement that no member of the medical staff could be a member.
7. Private Acts of 1979, Chapter 152, amended Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 349, above, relating to the powers of the Board of Trustees to borrow money. The act was not approved by local authorities.
8. Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 13, amended Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 349, above, relating to the power of the Trustees to borrow money and enter into contracts.
9. Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 73, amended Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 349, above, by changing the boundaries of the Hospital District.

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