

ESTABLISHMENT OF TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE

February 19, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples,
Secretary of State,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Thirty-eighth Legislature some days ago, established the Texas Technological College. The bill establishing this institution made it incumbent upon me to name the Board of Directors for this institution, consisting of nine members. In keeping with the provisions of Section Two of said bill, I am naming the following citizens of Texas to constitute said Board. The three members of said Board to serve for a term of six years, as follows:

W. P. Hobby,	Beaumont	<i>expired 1929</i>
Jno. W. Carpenter ¹ ,	Dallas	
C. W. Meadows ¹ ,	Waco	

The three members of said Board to serve for a term of four years, as follows:

Amon G. Carter ¹ ,	Fort Worth	✓ 1927
R. A. Underwood ¹ ,	Plainview	
Mrs. Chas. De Groff ¹ ,	El Paso	

The three members of said Board to serve for a term of two years, as follows:

Clifford B. Jones ¹ ,	Spur	✓ 1925
J. E. Nunn,	Amarillo	
Mrs. Frank N. Drane ¹ ,	Corsicana	

Respectfully,

(Signed) PAT M. NEFF

Governor.

In naming the first Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College, the following letter was addressed to the members by Governor Neff.

February 19, 1923

It is a fine thing to participate in the beginning of any great enterprise. I count one fortunate who has the privilege of contributing his services and linking his name with any of the worthwhile, enduring institutions of his country.

Our State Legislature recently passed, and I signed, a bill creating the Texas Technological College. Under the provisions of this bill I am charged with the responsibility of naming nine directors for this proposed College. Knowing full well your interest in the educational life of Texas, and appreciating your ability to render service, I am today naming you as a member of the first Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College. I am sincerely in hopes that, notwithstanding the fact that it will require a considerable part of your time, as well as much thought and energy, you can see your way clear to accept this place of service. I am enclosing herein to you a copy of the bill in order that you may be better acquainted with its provisions.

In this connection I am taking the liberty of calling the first Board meeting to convene at Sweetwater, Texas, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of March second. The citizens of West Texas are planning for that day a celebration in evidence of their appreciation of the creation of this College and the provision for its establishment in West Texas. I thought it fitting and proper that this first Board meeting be held at the same time and place as this celebration at which will be gathered representatives from almost every section of central and West Texas. If you accept service as a member of the Board, I am very much in hopes that you can arrange your business to be present at this first meeting in order that the Board may be organized with all members present. I am enclosing herein for your information a list of those whom I have named with you to serve as members of the first Board of Directors of this institution.

With highest personal regards, I am

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) PAT M. NEFF
Governor

S. B. No. 103.

AN ACT to establish a State College in Texas, West of the ninety-eighth (98) meridian and North of the twenty-ninth (29) parallel, to be known as the Texas Technological College; providing for the location of such college; its government; the control of its finances; defining its leading objects and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given; conferring upon the Board of Directors of said College the rights of eminent domain; making the necessary appropriation for the purchase of land, the location, establishing and maintenance of said college and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. There shall be established in this State a college for white students to be known as the Texas Technological College, said college to be located North of the twenty-ninth (29) parallel and West of the ninety-eighth (98) Meridian and shall be a co-educational college giving thorough instruction in technology and textile engineering from which a student may reach the highest degree of education along the lines of manufacturing cotton, wool, leather and other raw materials produced in Texas, including all branches of textile engineering, the chemistry of materials, the technique of weaving, dyeing, tanning, and the doing of any and all other things necessary for the manufacturing of raw materials into finished products; and said college shall also have complete courses in the arts and sciences, physical, social, political, pure and applied, such as are taught in colleges of the first class leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Literature, Bachelor of Technology and any and all other degrees given by colleges of the first class; said college being designed to elevate the ideals, enrich the lives and increase the capacity of the people for democratic self-government and particularly to give instruction in technological, manufacturing, and agricultural pursuits and domestic husbandry and home economics so that the boys and girls of this State may attain their highest usefulness and greatest happiness and in so doing, may prepare themselves for producing from the State its greatest possible wealth.

SECTION 2. The government, control and direction of the policies of said Technological College shall be vested in a Board of nine (9) Directors to be appointed by the Governor, who shall hold office for a period of six (6) years, said Board of nine (9) Directors to be so divided that the terms of three (3) directors shall expire every two years, and it shall be the duty of the Governor in making the appointment of the first Board of

Directors, to indicate in his appointment the name of the Director whose term shall expire in two (2) years, the name of the Director whose term shall expire in four (4) years and the name of the Director whose term shall expire in six (6) years; all of said directors to hold office until their successors are qualified, unless a removal is made by the Governor for inefficiency or inattention to their duties as members of such Board.

The Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College shall provide a president therefor who shall devote his entire time to the executive management of said school and who shall be directly accountable to the Board of Directors for the conduct thereof.

SECTION 3. In addition to the courses provided in technology and textile engineering, the said Texas Technological College shall offer the usual college courses given in standard senior colleges of the first class and shall be empowered to confer appropriate degrees to be determined by the Board of Directors and shall offer four year courses, two year courses, or short term courses in farm and ranch husbandry and economics and the chemistry of soils and the adaptation of farm crops to the peculiar soil, climate and condition of that portion of the State in which the College is located and such other courses and degrees as the Board of Directors may see fit to provide as a means of supplying the educational facilities necessary for this section of the State, and it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to furnish such assistance to the faculty and students of said college as will enable them to do original research work and to apply the latest and most approved methods of manufacturing and, in general, to afford the facilities of the college for the purpose of originating, developing, supporting and maintaining all of these agencies (physical, mental, and moral) for the development of the physical, mental and moral welfare of the students who attend the college and for the further purpose of developing the material resources of the State to their highest point of value and usefulness by teaching the arts of commerce, and manufacturing. All male students attending this college shall be required to receive such instruction in military science and tactics as the Board of Directors may prescribe which shall at all times, comply in full with the requirements of the United States Government now given as a pre-requisite to any aid now extended or hereafter to be extended by the Government of the United States to State institutions of this character and all such white male students shall, during their attendance at such college, be subject to such military discipline and control as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

SECTION 4. The Chairman of the State Board of Control and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the President of the University of Texas, the President of the College of Industrial Arts

of Texas, and the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, shall constitute a Board charged with the responsibility for the location of the Texas Technological College, a majority of whom shall be authorized to act under the terms of this bill in the location of said school; said Board being restricted in the choice of the location to the area mentioned in Section of this Act and as soon after the passage and approval of this Act as practical, said locating board shall make careful investigation of proposed sites for the said institution. Consideration shall be given to climatic conditions, supply of water, accessibility and such other matters as appropriately enter into the selection of the desirable location of an institution of this kind. It is further provided that the said locating Board shall not be influenced to any degree in the determination of its selection of a location by offers and promises of bonuses and gifts, directly or indirectly to the State of Texas, as a consideration for the location of said college at any particular place, but a primary consideration which shall outweigh all others in the minds of the members of the Locating Board, shall be to locate this college where it can, in the future, render the greatest service to the State and to the section of the United States for which it is especially intended; but this is not to be interpreted to mean that the Board of Directors shall not have authority to accept gifts of land, money for students loans, permanent improvement or any other objects of value when tendered for the purpose of more completely carrying out the purpose of this Act; said gifts to be made after said school is located and established and if a suitable location for said college is offered by any city or community. The lands bought shall be so located that the administration buildings will be within convenient distance to the residence section of the town where located, or the place where the students reside.

SECTION 5. The said Locating Board shall have authority to select approximately two thousand (2000) acres of land for the site of said college and agree with the owner or owners thereof upon the price to be paid therefor, which said agreement shall be reduced to writing and by the said Locating Board, signed and delivered to the Board of Directors herein provided for, who shall thereupon have full authority to contract for the purchase of said land for said purpose, and upon the approval of the title thereto by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, to pay for said land and any improvements thereon in any sum not to exceed One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars.

SECTION 6. It is further provided, that, when said Locating Board has selected a site for said college, it shall be the duty of said Board to make a full and complete report of all details connected with the selection of the site for the said college to the Governor of the State of Texas. The filing of this report with the Secretary of State shall legally constitute the establishing of the College.

SECTION 7. The Board of Directors of the said Texas Technological College is hereby vested with the power of eminent domain to acquire for the use of said college such land as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out its purpose by condemnation proceedings such as are now provided for railroad companies under the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenues of this State, not otherwise appropriated, the following sums, or so much thereof, as may be necessary.

1. Twenty-five Hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars of the available revenue of the State, or so much thereof as may be necessary to become available upon the passage and approval of this Act, for the purpose of paying the expense of the locating board in determining the location of said institution.

2. One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars of the available revenues of this State, or so much thereof as may be necessary to become available, September 1, 1923, for the purchase of the necessary lands for the location and establishment of said school, and any portion of which amount not used for the purchase of lands shall be available for the purposes provided in the following sections hereof.

3. Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1924, for the purpose of providing necessary utilities, machinery, permanent improvements, equipment and buildings for said college.

4. Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1925, for the purpose of providing necessary utilities, machinery, permanent improvements, equipment and buildings for said college; and

5. In the event any portion of the sums hereby appropriated should not be used for and during the year for which they are hereby appropriated, such sums shall become available for the

succeeding year , for the purposes herein provided, and for no other .

SECTION 9. The fact that Texas is producing annually millions of dollars worth of raw materials, which are being shipped to distant factories to be made into finished products together with the fact that Texas has no adequate institution for teaching technology and the art of textile manufacturing and the fact that the needs of that portion of the State where this college shall be located are inadequately supplied with educational institutions, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity for this act to take effect at once, and for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, it is therefore enacted that said rule be suspended and this Act take effect and be in force on and after its passage.

(Signed) T.W. DAVIDSON
President of the Senate.

(Signed) R. E. SEAGLER
Speaker of the House of
Representatives.

APPROVED:
PAT M. NEFF
Governor
February 10, 1923.