SENATE BILL NO. 103.

To Establish The Texas Technological College

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 designated 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 adaption 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 method of manufacturing and, in general, to afford the facilities of the college for the purpose of originating, developing, supporting and maintaining all of those 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.

Sec. 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 1 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 building will be within convenient distance to the residence section of the town where located, or the place where the students reside.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 selec-
tion 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
continue the establishment of the
college.

Sec. 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 condem­
nation proceedings such as are now
provided for railroad companies
under the laws of the State of Texas.

Sec. 8. There is hereby appro­
priated from the general revenues of
this State, not otherwise appro­
priated, 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 in
stitution.

2. One hundred fifty thousand
($150,000.00) dollars of the availa­
ble revenues of this State, or so much
thereof as may be necessary to be­
come available, September 1, 1923,
for the purchase of the necessary
lands for the location and establish­
ment 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 fol­
lowing sections hereof.

3. Five hundred thousand ($500,-
000.00) dollars for the fiscal year
ending August 31, 1924, for the pur­
purpose of providing necessary utilities,
machinery, permanent improvements,
equipment and buildings for said college.

4. Three hundred and fifty thou­
sand ($350,000.00) dollars for the
fiscal year ending August 31, 1925,
for the purpose of providing neces­
sary utilities, machinery, permanent
improvements, equipment and build­
ings 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 appro­
priated, such sums shall become avail­
able for the succeeding year, for the
purposes herein provided, and for no
other.

Sec. 9. The fact that Texas is
producing annually millions of dol­
Iars 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 teach­
ing 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 edu­
cational institutions, create an emer­
gency and an imperative public neces­
sity 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.