

CHAPTER XCII.—An Act to establish an Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, for the benefit of the colored youths and to make appropriations therefor.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That there shall be established in this State at such point and in the manner provided for in this act, an Agricultural and Mechanical College for the benefit of the colored youths of this State.

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a Commission, consisting of three competent persons, who shall select a suitable place for the location of said Agricultural and Mechanical College, and make report thereof to the Governor as hereinafter provided for; provided, that the site so selected shall contain not less than five hundred acres of land suitable for agricultural purposes. The said Commissioners shall have authority to receive donations of land and money to aid in the erection and maintenance of said Agricultural and Mechanical College. When said College shall have been located, it shall be known as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, established for colored youths, and shall be under the supervision and control of the Board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, as established by an act of the Legislature, passed April 17, 1871.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall appoint a competent Architect, who shall submit a plan and specifications of suitable buildings for said college, of capacity for the accommodation of at least one hundred students, to be approved by the Governor.

Sec. 4. The said Commissioners shall proceed to make selection of said location, and report the same to the Governor at as early a day as practicable.

Sec. 5. Upon the approval of the plans and specifications for said buildings by the Governor, the said Commissioners shall proceed to advertise for ninety days in two or more newspapers published in this State, for sealed proposals for the erection of said buildings, giving full particulars of the terms and conditions of such contracts, and the time and place when and where the bids therefor shall be opened and contracts awarded.

Sec. 6. Contractors for the erection of said buildings shall be required to enter into bond with good and sufficient security payable to the Governor and his successors in office, to be approved by the Governor in a sum equal to double the amount of his or their bid, or bids, conditioned that such contractor or contractors will execute the work or furnish the material contracted for, in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of such contract.

Sec. 7. The said Commissioners and Architect together, shall constitute a Board of Directors, or Building Committee, and shall have full management and control of the direction and execution of said contracts for the erection of said buildings, and shall make report of the progress of the same to the Governor at least once in each six months till the same is completed and received by the Governor.

Sec. 8. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as shall be deemed necessary to locate, erect, furnish and operate said college in accordance with the plans, specifications and estimates as shall be approved by the Governor, for the completion of the same be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.