

1-1 By: Ogden S.B. No. 1883
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 26, 2005; April 28, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 May 3, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on Education;
1-5 May 6, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-6 Nays 0; May 6, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the lands managed and controlled by the board of regents
1-10 of The Texas A&M University System.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 85.25, Education Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 85.25. LANDS AND MINERAL INTERESTS. (a) The board is
1-15 vested with the sole and exclusive management and control of lands
1-16 and mineral interests under its jurisdiction and that may be
1-17 acquired by it.

1-18 (b) The board may grant, sell, lease, or otherwise dispose
1-19 of the lands and mineral interests under its jurisdiction that do
1-20 not comprise any portion of the original main campus of Texas A&M
1-21 University to other units or agencies of government, or to any
1-22 individual, group of individuals, corporation, or other entity
1-23 under terms and conditions it deems best in the public interest.

1-24 (c)(1) Except as authorized by existing law, any grant,
1-25 sale, or lease of the surface estate of the original main campus
1-26 property must be approved by Act of the legislature.

1-27 (2) The board is hereby authorized to grant ~~unto~~ The
1-28 Former Students Association of Texas A&M University a lease of
1-29 surface area not to exceed five acres on the original main campus
1-30 for use by said association to construct and occupy a building for
1-31 use consistent with the association's stated purposes.

1-32 (3) The board is further authorized to grant to the
1-33 Texas A&M ~~University Development~~ Foundation a lease of surface
1-34 area not to exceed five acres on the original main campus for use by
1-35 the foundation to construct and occupy a building for use
1-36 consistent with the foundation's stated purposes.

1-37 (4) The board is authorized to enter into an
1-38 agreement, including a ground lease, for construction of an office,
1-39 laboratory, and classroom building to be funded by a donor, on a
1-40 site not to exceed five acres on the original main campus. The
1-41 agreement shall provide that title to the building shall be
1-42 transferred to the board upon completion.

1-43 (d) For the purposes of this section, the original main
1-44 campus of Texas A&M University comprises that certain 748 acres,
1-45 more or less, bounded by Texas Avenue, George Bush Drive, Wellborn
1-46 Road, and University Drive in College Station, Texas.

1-47 (e) Proceeds received from the grant, sale, lease, or other
1-48 disposition of surface interests covered by this section may be
1-49 retained in local funds subject to disposition by the board for any
1-50 lawful purpose.

1-51 (f) This section is cumulative of existing statutes
1-52 relating to the authority of the board to lease for oil, gas,
1-53 sulphur, mineral ore, and other mineral developments, and otherwise
1-54 to buy, sell, and lease certain lands under its jurisdiction and
1-55 supervision.

1-56 (g) This section does not cover any lands or minerals held
1-57 by the general land office.

1-58 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-61 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-62 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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