

51st Regular Session

BEXAR COUNTY – COLISEUM ADVISORY BOARD

Chapter 119

H.B. No. S12

An Act authorizing the Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas to appoint a Coliseum Advisory Board for the operation and maintenance of the project known as the Agricultural and Livestock Exhibition Buildings and grounds, which were heretofore received by said County from the City of San Antonio; providing for the appointment of the members of said Coliseum Advisory Board and their tenure of office, and the filling of any vacancies occurring therein; authorizing said Coliseum Advisory Board to operate, maintain, and promote said project and to enter into any contract connected with or incident to the operation maintenance, betterment and promotion of said project, including the right to lease any part thereof for any lawful purpose, and authority to employ a general manager and other necessary employees of the project, and with authority to receive and disburse and pay out all funds so received or set aside by such County for purposes connected with said project: providing for the submission of annual proposed budget to the County: providing that the Board shall have authority to determine the manner of expending any and all funds that may be provided by the County to said projects; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas, may, by resolution or other appropriate action, create and establish the Coliseum Advisory Board for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and promoting the project known as the Agricultural and Livestock Exhibition Buildings and grounds, and to confer upon, delegate and grant to said Coliseum Advisory Board, as herinafter provided, full and complete authority to act for and in behalf of Bexar County in the operation, maintenance, and promotion of said project.

Sec. 2. The Coliseum Advisory Board shall be composed of five (5) members, all residents of Bexar County, one (1) to be appointed by each County Commissioner and the County Judge. One (1) member of said Coliseum Advisory Board shall be appointed for a term of office expiring two (2) years from date of appointment, and two (2) members for a term of office expiring four (4) years from the date of appointment and (2) members for a term of office expiring six (6) years from the date of appointment. Thereafter, after the expiration of each term of office of members so appointed to such Coliseum Advisory Board, the Commissioners Court of Bexar County shall make and continue to make similar appointments to such Board for a term of office of six (6) years each. Any vacancy occurring during the term of office of any members, whether by resignation or death, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of such term by the said Commissioners Court. The members of the Board first appointed shall cast lots for the terms to be held by each.

Sec. 3. Such Coliseum Advisory Board shall select a chairman from among its number who shall preside over all meetings of the said Board, and shall sign all contracts, agreements and other instruments made by said Board in behalf of Bexar County. A vice-chairman shall also be selected and he shall act in the absence or inability of the chairman to act. A majority of the members of the Coliseum Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum and have full authority to act.

Sec. 4. Such Coliseum Advisory Board shall have full and complete authority to enter into any contract connected with or incident to the operation, maintenance, betterment and promotion of the project known as the Agricultural and Livestock Exhibition Buildings and grounds for any lawful purpose, and the right to employ a full-time general manager of said project and all other employees deemed by said Advisory Board necessary for the proper operation of the project upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed advisable and reasonable by said Coliseum Advisory Board, and in this connection said Coliseum Advisory Board shall have authority to disburse and pay out all funds received or set aside by said County for purpose connected with such project.

Sec. 5. Once each year when requested by the Commissioners Court of Bexar County, such Coliseum Advisory Board shall submit proposed budget of the anticipated financial needs for such project for the ensuing year. On the basis of such budget the Commissioners Court of Bexar County shall appropriate or set aside for the use of such Coliseum Advisory Board in the operation, maintenance, betterment, and promotion of said project, may receive, use, and pay out such income for the purpose of helping pay the necessary maintenance, betterment, and promotion expenses of said project, including improvement and maintenance of the grounds, park, and automobile parking grounds for the benefit of the public.

Sec 6. In connection with the operation, maintenance, betterment and promotion of the above-mentioned project, including the improvement and maintenance of the grounds as a park and automobile parking space for the benefit of the public. The said Coliseum Advisory Board shall have authority to determine the manner of expending any funds that may have been or be provided be Bexar County for such purpose whether by the issuance of bonds or other obligations, or by appropriations from other funds of such County. It being the intention by this Act to grant to such Coliseum Advisory Board complete authority to manage and control all matters affecting such project reserving to such Commissioners Court the right only to appoint members to such Coliseum Advisory Board and to approve the annual budget hereinabove provided for.

Sec. 7. The fact that the County of Bexar has given two tracts of land with restrictive covenants which require the use thereof as sites for agriculture and livestock exhibition project, and that same must be operated by an Advisory Board and the fact that the Agricultural and Livestock Exhibition Building are now nearing completion. Aggregating a cost of more than two million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of public money and requiring immediate supervision and management, not only in the care and preservation thereof but also in the necessary promotion of great livestock shows, rodeos, agriculture exhibits and demonstrations, 4-H Clubs and FFA activities as well as many other public shows and the events of wide variety to the State of Texas, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended and this Act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

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