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ALABAMA LAW

(Regular Session, 1957)

Act No. 140

S. 291—Engelhardt

AN ACT

To alter, re-arrange, and re-define the boundaries of the City of Tuskegee in Macon County.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of Alabama:

Section 1. The boundaries of the City of Tuskegee in Macon County are hereby altered, re-arranged and re-defined so as to include within the corporate limits of said municipality all of the territory lying within the following described boundaries, and to exclude all territory lying outside such boundaries:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Section 30, Township 17-N, Range 24-E in Macon County, Alabama; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes East, 1160.3 feet; thence South 37 degrees 34 minutes East, 211.6 feet; thence South 53 degrees 57 minutes West, 545.4 feet; thence South 36 degrees 03 minutes East, 1190.0 feet; thence South 53 degrees 57 minutes West, 675.2 feet; thence South 36 degrees 19 minutes East, 743.4 feet; thence South 33 degrees 50 minutes East, 1597.4 feet; thence North 61 degrees 26 minutes East, 1122.8 feet; thence North 28 degrees 34 minutes West, 50.0 feet; thence North 59 degrees 11 minutes East, 1049.3 feet; thence South 30 degrees 48 minutes East, 50.0 feet; thence North 50 degrees 08 minutes East, 341.1 feet; thence North 47 degrees 08 minutes East, 1239.4 feet; thence South 42 degrees 51 minutes East, 300.0 feet; thence South 47 degrees 00 minutes West, 1199.5 feet; thence South 64 degrees 09 minutes East, 1422.0 feet; thence South 24 degrees 13 minutes East 488.7 feet; thence South 73 degrees 25 minutes West, 370.8 feet; thence North 79 degrees 25 minutes West, 2285.3 feet; thence South 61 degrees 26 minutes West, 1232.6 feet; thence South 41 degrees 03 minutes East 792.3 feet; thence South 12 degrees 03 minutes East, 842.2 feet; thence North 88 degrees 09 minutes East, 4403.6 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes West, 6008.2 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes West, 4140.2 feet; thence North 34 degrees 46 minutes West, 6668.7 feet; thence North 35 degrees 00 minutes West, 380.4 feet; thence North 16 degrees 55 minutes West, 377.2 feet; thence North 54 degrees 29 minutes East, 497.8 feet; thence North 35 degrees 02 minutes West, 717.5 feet; thence South 54 degrees 03 minutes West, 1241.9 feet;

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thence North 36 degrees 09 minutes West, 858.4 feet; thence North 44 degrees 28 minutes East 452.2 feet; thence North 22 degrees 33 minutes East, 4305.9 feet; thence North 86 degrees 43 minutes East, 236.3 feet to the point of beginning.

Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict with this Act are repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

This bill became an Act on July 15, 1957 without approval by the Governor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing copy of an Act of the Legislature of Alabama has been compared with the enrolled Act and it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Given under my hand this 15 day of July, 1957.

J. E. SPEIGHT,
Secretary of Senate.

EXHIBIT F

June 11, 1957

To: Members of the Council of the City of Tuskegee
In Care of Mr. G. M. Sharts, Jr.

From: The Tuskegee Civic Association

Re: Senate Bill No. 291, introduced into the Alabama
Senate by Senator Englishhardt

Dear Sirs:

You are aware of Senate Bill No. 291, which Senator Sam Englishhardt of Macon County has introduced into the Senate, which Bill provides for the alteration of the boundaries of the City of Tuskegee so as to exclude approximately 400 voters, members of their families and many other good citizens who have been denied the opportunity to qualify as electors. Many of these Negro citizens were born in Tuskegee, and others have acquired their citizenship through industrious labor and thrift, enterprisingness, persistence, and courage. These citizens are shareholders in and part-owners of Tuskegee. They have a vested interest in Tuskegee, and they do not wish to sell it, or give it away, nor do they desire it to be taken from them. Senate Bill No. 291 does not provide for excluding from residence and citizenship within the city of Tuskegee, persons who are feebleminded (mentally incompetent, immoral, or criminal). It provides for depriving industrious, thrifty, law-abiding and beauty-loving Negroes of their economic investment, their political security and opportunities, and of their constitutional rights, without giving them an opportunity to vote for or against the proposal.

We appeal to you as Municipal Officials responsible for the protection of the rights of citizens, and for the protection of the general welfare, to oppose the enactment into law of the Senate Bill No. 291. It is our earnest hope that the City of Tuskegee will not permit Senator Englishhardt to force it to move backward rather than forward, to facilitate the isolation of people rather than the cooperation of the same group, to take from any group that which is rightfully theirs by inheritance and by contributions to the development of the City. By forward looking and courageous leadership, the City of Tuskegee could become a model of goodwill and cooperative living for other municipalities in the lagging South. We further hope that you will not permit this opportunity for courageous and noble action to pass.

Respectfully yours,

Tuskegee Civic Association

cc: Mr. Phil Lightfoot, Mayor
City of Tuskegee

Mr. J. W. Ross, Clerk
City Council

EXHIBIT G

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
LAW 31
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

TO: The Committee on Local Legislation, Senate of Alabama
FROM: Tuskegee Civic Association
RE: Senate Bill #291

Honorable Sirs:

We (residents of Tuskegee and members of the Tuskegee Civic Association) appeal to you not to recommend for enactment into law Senate Bill #291, designed to alter the boundaries of Tuskegee so as to exclude approximately 400 Negro voters and many other good citizens who have been denied opportunity to qualify as electors. Many of these Negro citizens were born in Tuskegee, and others have acquired their citizenship through industrious labor, thrift, embarrassment, persistence, and courage. These citizens are shareholders in and part-owners of Tuskegee. They have a vested interest in Tuskegee, and they do not wish to sell it, or give it away, nor do they desire it to be taken from them.

Senate Bill #291 does not provide for excluding from residence and citizenship within the City of Tuskegee persons who are feeble-minded (mentally incompetent), pauperized, immoral, or criminal; it provides for depriving industrious, thrifty, law-abiding and beauty-loving Negroes of their economic investment, political security and opportunities, and their constitutional rights without giving them an opportunity to vote for or against the proposal.

We appeal to you as responsible representatives of the citizenry of Alabama, committed to the protection of the rights of citizens and the promotion of the general welfare not to be a party to this proposed action. It is urged that you vote against the Bill.

Respectfully yours,

The Tuskegee Civic Association
C. G. Gomillion
by C. G. Gomillion, President

June 13, 1957

EXHIBIT H

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOX 31
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

June 14, 1957

To: Members of the Senate of Alabama

Re: Senate Bill #291

Honorable Sirs:

We (residents of Tuskegee and members of the Tuskegee Civic Association) appeal to you not to enact into law Senate Bill #291, designed to alter the boundaries of Tuskegee so as to exclude approximately 400 Negro voters and many other good citizens who have been denied opportunity to qualify as citizens. Many of these Negro citizens were born in Tuskegee, and others have acquired their citizenship through industrious labor, thrift, enterprise, persistence, and courage. These citizens are shareholders in and promoters of Tuskegee. They have a vested interest in Tuskegee, and they do not wish to sell it, or give it away, nor do they desire it to be taken from them.

Senate Bill #291 does not provide for excluding from residence and citizenship within the City of Tuskegee persons who are feeble-minded (mentally incompetent), pauperized, immoral, or criminal; it provides for excluding industrious, thrifty, law-abiding and beauty-loving Negroes of their economic investment, and political security and opportunities, and their constitutional rights without giving them an opportunity to vote for or against the proposal.

We appeal to you as responsible representatives of the citizenry of Alabama, committed to the protection of the rights of citizens and the promotion of the general welfare not to be a party to this proposed action. It is urged that you vote against the bill.

Respectfully yours,

Members of the Tuskegee Civic
Association

W. L. Garrison
W. L. Garrison, President

EXHIBIT I

An Open Letter To The Citizens Of Alabama

On Friday, June 1, 1957 Senator Sam Eggenhardt of Macon County introduced into the Senate of Alabama Bill No. 297, which if enacted into law, would alter the boundaries of the City of Tuskegee in Macon County so as to remove from within the city more than 2000 Negro citizens, approximately 40% of whom are voters, and would remove practically no white citizens. We Negro citizens who would be deprived of citizenship within the City of Tuskegee do not desire to lose our status in our neighborhood, and we have appeared in the Senate of the State of Alabama not to enact the bill into law. We have appeal to you to urge your representatives in the legislature not to withdraw the boundaries of Tuskegee from around us.

In a democratic society one should not be deprived of his rights, his possessions or opportunities because of race or color. We did not choose our race or color, and we cannot change either. Some of us were born citizens of Tuskegee; others of us achieved this citizenship through hard work. Many of us have worked diligently to increase the economic wealth of the city, and to beautify its neighborhoods and streets. We have striven to make the city one of which we could be proud.

We have taught ourselves to be good citizens -- industrious, thrifty, and law-abiding. Those of us who are voters have studied the political issues and the qualifications of candidates for public office, and have voted for proposed legislation and candidates most likely to promote the general welfare. Many who are not voters have sought to qualify as citizens, but they have had little opportunity as a Board of Registrars has functioned for only one day since January 16, 1956, and that day was June 1, 1957 when four applications were accepted from Negro citizens. Several times in the past Negro citizens have been denied the opportunity to register. Now, those who are qualified to vote are to be deprived of the opportunity to vote, not because they are ignorant, foolish-minded, insane, or criminal, but because they are Negroes. Those voters are to be denied the opportunity to vote on whether or not they desire to give up their citizenship in the city. This is a denial of the rights of citizenship to the Negro citizens of the city.

The nation is moving forward, and the South is growing up. Why should Macon County and Tuskegee move backward? Why should you, who voted to be have in equality of opportunity, who profess to love government of the people, for the people and by the people, now prevent in deed light, with all men, stand by, silently or passively, and deny your equities to those out of the city limits of Tuskegee boundaries of taxation, law-abiding and non-segregationist families, the churches, churches, and the well-knowned Tuskegee Institute? How can you, who are the majority in the city, deny the rights of citizenship to the Negro citizens of the city? The city of Tuskegee is a city of the future, and it is the duty of the city to provide for the future of its citizens. We urge you to support the boundaries of Tuskegee and to prevent the passage of Bill No. 297.

EXHIBIT J

Tuskegee, Alabama

Honorable P. M. Lightfoot, Mayor
Tuskegee, Alabama

Honorable Sir:

We, the undersigned, wish to live within the City of Tuskegee. We, therefore, are petitioning you, and, through you, other officials of the City to take the necessary steps to extend the limits of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama so as to include us within the city limits.

Respectfully yours,

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