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Honorable Frank Scofield
Chairman, Livestock Sanitary
Commission of Texas
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Opinion No. WW-162

Re: May the Livestock Sanitary
Commission of Texas change
the location of its head-
quarters from Fort Worth,
Texas, to Austin, Texas,
should it so desire, in
order to have better
accommodations and at
less cost, if possible?

Dear Mr. Scofield:

This Opinion is in response to your request of June 4, 1957, in which you pose a question which is substantially as follows:

May the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas change the location of its headquarters from Fort Worth, Texas, to Austin, Texas, should it so desire, in order to have better accommodations and at less cost, if possible?

Senate Bill No. 247, Acts of the 54th Legislature, ch. 448, p. 1167, which has been codified as Article 7009, Vernon's Civil Statutes, provides for: the appointment of the Livestock Sanitary Commission of the State of Texas, the appointment of one member as a Chairman, the bond of each Commissioner, the qualifications of the Commissioners, the terms of office of the respective Commissioners, and various other features. The Act at no place provides for the establishment of the headquarters of the Commission in any given location.

It is our opinion that inasmuch as Senate Bill No. 247, Acts of the 54th Legislature, ch. 448, p. 1167, is in all respects silent as to any requirement for the location of the headquarters of the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas, the Commissioners may, in their discretion, move the headquarters of the Commission in order to have better accommodations and at less cost, if possible.

The Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas is charged with the administration of numerous laws of this State

affecting the public health, and we believe that, absent an express statutory prohibition, the Legislature intended that the Commission establish its headquarters at whatever place it might most effectively carry out its duties. For this reason, we answer your question in the affirmative.

SUMMARY

The Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas may change the location of its headquarters, should it so desire, in order to have better accommodations and at less cost, if possible.

Very truly yours,

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