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CHAP. 1199.—An Act Granting to the regents of the University of Oklahoma section numbered thirty-six, in township numbered nine north, of range numbered three west, of the Indian meridian, in Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to confirmation by the legislature of Oklahoma all of section numbered thirty-six, in township numbered nine north, of range numbered three west, of the Indian meridian, in Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, the same being a portion of the lands reserved to said Territory for common school purposes, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the regents of the University of Oklahoma, to be and become the property of the University of Oklahoma for the purpose of being used for and securing a proper campus and grounds for building purposes for the use of the said university, but no indemnity either in money or in land shall be allowed the State of Oklahoma for this section: *Provided,* That the board of regents of the university may use or dispose of and convey any portion of said grounds for the purpose of acquiring grounds contiguous to the present grounds belonging to said university and to enlarge the campus and grounds for building and campus purposes in connection therewith.

SEC. 2. That the leases to the present tenants thereon, made by the board for leasing school lands of the Territory of Oklahoma, shall remain in full force and effect until their respective expirations, and that the governor of the Territory of Oklahoma shall appoint, on the application of the board of regents of said University of Oklahoma, three disinterested freeholders of said county to appraise the value of the improvements on said lands belonging to the lessees thereof, and such improvements shall be appraised at the fair, reasonable value thereof, and the said appraisers shall give ten days' notice of the time when such appraisement shall be made by posting the same in a conspicuous place on each quarter section of said lands, and shall take an oath fairly and impartially to appraise the improvements of the said lessees on said lands at the fair, reasonable value thereof, and shall make report of such appraisement and file the same with the governor of the Territory of Oklahoma with such oath, and the board of regents of said University of Oklahoma shall immediately pay the amount so fixed to the treasurer of the Territory of Oklahoma for the use of such lessees and have immediate possession of said lands: *Provided,* That if either the board of regents of said University of Oklahoma or said lessees shall feel themselves aggrieved by the valuation of such appraisers, they may within thirty days from the filing of such report with the governor of the Territory appeal to the district court of said county by filing notice with the governor of said Territory and filing a bond to be approved by the governor conditioned that such person or said board of regents will prosecute such appeal to effect and without unnecessary delay, and pay all costs and judgments that may be awarded against them in said proceeding. And the governor of said Territory shall immediately cause a copy of the application of said board and the appointment and oath and report of said appraisers, together with the bond aforesaid, to be filed with the clerk of the district court of said Cleveland County, whereupon the question of the amount of damages sustained by such lessees shall be tried de novo by a jury: *And provided further,* That the board of regents of said University of Oklahoma are hereby vested with full authority, on behalf of said Territory, to settle and adjust the differences between said board of regents and the lessees of such lands and make such settlements as the board of regents may deem just and proper: *And provided further,* That when said Territory shall become a State the governor of said State shall be the successor of the governor of said Territory under the provision of this Act.

Approved, February 25, 1907.

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