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CHAPTER 240

STATE FUNDS AND PROPERTY

ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH CENTER

[130-13-1 et. seq.]

(House Bill No. 240. By Representatives Dines, French, Johns, Mackie, Fenwick, Romer, Kane, V. Massari, West, Dameron, Gilbert, Kelley, P. Massari, Eberhardt, Gallegos, Compton, Morgan, Rubin, Knox, Pellet, Streltzer, O'Donnell, McCormick, Stockton, Braden, Ohlson, and Lamun; also Senators Chenoweth, Brown, Porter, Allen, Wilson, and Hewett.)

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FOR A NATIONAL CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1.—Contract of purchase authorized.—At the direction of the governor, the attorney general is hereby authorized to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of the state of Colorado with the federal government, or any of its duly constituted agencies, to procure and convey to the federal government, or any of its duly constituted agencies, all lands and rights pertaining to the site situate in Boulder county, Colorado, containing five hundred and fifty acres, more or less, heretofore selected as the location for the facilities and laboratories of the national center for atmospheric research.

Section 2.—Acquisition and conveyance.—At the direction of the governor, the attorney general is further authorized and empowered to acquire fee simple title, or lesser interest therein, to said lands and rights pertaining or appurtenant thereto, or other interests therein, in the name of the state of Colorado, by donation, purchase, or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain through condemnation proceedings in accordance with law. He is further authorized and empowered to receive and apply gifts of money to be used in the acquisition of such lands and to contract for such services as may be required and to institute other types of legal proceedings and take such

further action as may be necessary to fully accomplish his duties as herein prescribed.

Such lands and rights pertaining thereto shall be conveyed to the federal government or its duly constituted agencies on behalf of the state of Colorado by the governor by appropriate deeds without warranty. Such property may be conveyed to the federal government or its duly constituted agencies with or without compensatory payment and the deeds thereto may contain provisions for reversion of title to said property to the state of Colorado if said property is not used or ceases to be used for or in connection with the purposes and functions of a national center for atmospheric research.

Section 3.—Appropriation.—There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the attorney general, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the aforesaid purposes. Such appropriation shall be held in a fund separate and apart from other appropriations to the attorney general for the purposes herein provided and shall be used by him for the acquisition of such lands, rights, and services pertaining or appurtenant thereto and all necessary and actual expenses in connection therewith. This appropriation shall be made available upon the effective date of this act and shall remain available until July 1, 1963, unless the functions herein provided shall be sooner terminated or completed. Any moneys unexpended shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4.—Safety clause.—The General Assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 7, 1961