



GOVERNORS OFFICE
AUSTIN, TEXAS

March 28, 1921.

M. NEFF, GOVERNOR
WALTHALL, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR
ESPA STANFORD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

REPRODUCED FROM THE
HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

To the Secretary of State:-

By the authority vested in me by the
Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, I hereby file
with you House Bill No. 387, with my veto and disapproval.

My reason for vetoing this bill is as follows:

The land effected by this Bill, and a sale of
which will be validated should the bill be approved, is
the S.E. quarter of Section 81, Block 3, Cert. 1229, sold
September 22, 1905; also Section 2, Block E G-2, G.O. &
S.F. Ry. Co., Cert. 4980, both tracts in Real County. I
find from the Land Office that the original purchaser of
this land made no attempt to fulfill in good faith a con-
tract with the State, with reference to occupying the land
for three years, as required by law. For this reason the
contract of sale was canceled by the State and the land
sold to others. To validate the first sale, which was prop-
erly canceled by the Land Commissioner, and cancel the last
sale, which was made as provided by law, is the double pur-
pose of this bill. I am unwilling for the State by the pas-
sage of this bill to become a party to the validating of a
transaction of this kind. I am sure that the Legislature in
the multiplicity of its many pressing duties was not advised
as to the facts connected with the above land transaction.
The Bill is disapproved and vetoed.

Yours sincerely,

Don M. Neff
Governor.

Received in Department of State,
this 28th day of March A.D. 1921,
at 6¹ o'clock, and 5 minutes P.M.
S. L. Stayer
Secretary State.