

**17-1332. Same; filing offer to convey property; abandoned cemeteries.** That before said petition shall be granted by said board of county commissioners as hereinbefore provided, there shall be on file with the clerk of said board an offer by at least one cemetery association or corporation in said proposed district, authorized by at least a majority vote of its officers and directors to convey to said proposed cemetery district association, all property, both real and personal, now owned by said association or corporation free of cost, and said cemetery association or corporation is hereby authorized to make such conveyance upon a majority vote of its officers and directors: Provided, That the petition may be granted by the board of county commissioners to a cemetery district organized to take over one or more abandoned cemeteries within the proposed district if the petition is accompanied by an affidavit signed by one or more residents of the district stating that the persons or association owning or having control of said cemetery or cemeteries cannot be ascertained or located and that said cemetery or cemeteries have been abandoned for more than five years. Upon the granting of said petition said cemetery district may take over and exercise ownership and control of said abandoned cemetery or cemeteries and shall be vested with color of title thereto.

**History:** L. 1925, ch. 148, § 3; L. 1949, ch. 188, § 1; June 30.