

76-2057. Acquisition of William Allen White House in Emporia as historical landmark authorized; procedures; expenditures. (a)

The state historical society is authorized to accept and hold, in the name of the state, the William Allen White House, located at 927 Exchange Street, Emporia, Kansas 66801, Lot 137, 139, 141 and 143 on Exchange St., Section 10, Township 19, Range 11E. Such real property and the improvements thereon shall be acquired in fee simple by gift, grant or designation for the purpose of establishing and maintaining it as a historical landmark and memorial to the great author, newspaper editor and a social and political force that shaped the state and the nation during the first half of the twentieth century. The state historical society shall have the power to do any and all things necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this act and to make such rules and regulations for the use, enjoyment and government of the premises as may be necessary.

(b) Conveyance of the property described in subsection (a) shall not be accepted by the executive director of the state historical society until the attorney general approves the deed and determines that such conveyance would convey such land in fee simple to the state of Kansas.

(c) Moneys received by the state historical society from federal agencies or other federal sources for the William Allen White House shall be expended for restoring, equipping and otherwise preparing the William Allen White House for visitation by members of the public, including all interpretation and similar exhibit development, to the extent permitted by applicable federal requirements, guidelines and limitations.

(d) All expenditures by the state historical society for the operations or for any capital improvements for the William Allen White House shall be funded from moneys received from federal agencies, local governmental entities or private sources, including but not limited to fees and donations received from persons visiting the William Allen White House.

History: L. 2001, ch. 113, § 1; April 26.