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H.B. No. 2658

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Kimble County Hospital District of Kimble County,  
Texas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1049.052, Special District Local Laws  
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.052. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE. (a) To qualify  
for election to the board, a person must:

(1) be at least 18 years of age; and

(2) have been a district resident for at least one year  
~~[two years; and~~

~~[(3) be a qualified property tax paying voter of the  
district].~~

(b) A person is not eligible to serve as a director if the  
person is a district employee.

SECTION 2. Section 1049.053, Special District Local Laws  
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.053. ~~[BOND,]~~ RECORD OF ~~[BOND AND]~~ OATH OR  
AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE. (a) Each director shall qualify for office  
by taking the official oath of office and subscribing to the  
anti-bribery statement required by Section 1, Article XVI, Texas  
Constitution ~~[executing a good and sufficient commercial bond for~~  
~~\$1,000 that is:~~

~~[(1) payable to the district; and~~

1           ~~[(2) conditioned on the faithful performance of the~~  
2 ~~director's duties]~~.

3           (b) ~~[The district shall pay for a director's bond.~~

4           ~~[(c)]~~ Each director's ~~[bond and]~~ constitutional oath or  
5 affirmation of office and anti-bribery statement shall be  
6 maintained indefinitely in ~~[deposited with]~~ the district's records  
7 ~~[depository for safekeeping]~~.

8           SECTION 3. Section 1049.104, Special District Local Laws  
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10          Sec. 1049.104. HOSPITAL SYSTEM. (a) The district has the  
11 responsibility to establish a hospital or hospital system within  
12 its boundaries to provide hospital and medical care to the  
13 district's residents.

14          (b) The hospital system may include:

15                 (1) domiciliary care and treatment of sick, injured,  
16 or elderly persons;

17                 (2) outpatient clinics;

18                 (3) pharmacies or other dispensaries;

19                 (4) skilled nursing facilities;

20                 (5) community health centers;

21                 (6) assisted living facilities; and

22                 (7) any other facilities the board considers necessary  
23 for hospital or medical care.

24          SECTION 4. Section 1049.105(a), Special District Local Laws  
25 Code, is amended to read as follows:

26          (a) The board may ~~[shall]~~ adopt rules for the efficient  
27 operation of the district~~[, including district facilities]~~.

SECTION 5. Section 1049.151, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.151. BUDGET. (a) The board shall prepare an annual ~~[a]~~ budget that includes:

- (1) proposed expenditures and disbursements;
- (2) estimated receipts and collections for the next fiscal year; and
- (3) the amount of taxes required to be imposed to meet the proposed budget.

(b) The board may delegate the duty to prepare a budget to another person.

SECTION 6. The heading to Section 1049.152, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.152. PROPOSED BUDGET: NOTICE; ~~[AND]~~ HEARING; ADOPTION.

SECTION 7. Section 1049.152, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) The board may make a change to the proposed budget at the hearing.

(e) At the conclusion of the hearing, the board shall adopt a budget by acting on the proposed budget.

SECTION 8. Subchapter D, Chapter 1049, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1049.1525 to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.1525. AMENDMENT OF BUDGET. The board may amend a budget after it has been adopted.

SECTION 9. Section 1049.153, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.153. FISCAL YEAR. (a) The board may establish the [The] district's fiscal year [is from October 1 to September 30].

(b) The district's fiscal year may not be changed:

(1) during a period in which district revenue bonds are outstanding; or

(2) more than once in a 24-month period.

SECTION 10. Section 1049.155, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1049.155. DEPOSITORY. (a) The board by resolution shall designate a bank in this state [~~Kimble County~~] as the district's depository. A designated bank serves as the district's depository:

(1) for a period not to exceed five [two] years, as stated in the designation; and

(2) until a successor is designated.

(b) All district money, other than money invested in accordance with Chapter 2256, Government Code, shall be deposited in the depository and secured in accordance with Chapter 2257, Government Code [~~in the manner provided for securing county funds~~].

(c) Before the board designates a bank to serve as the district's depository under Subsection (a), the board shall solicit bids from eligible banks to determine which bank to designate as the district's depository.

(d) In designating as the district's depository a bank from

1 among the banks that submitted bids in response to a solicitation  
2 under Subsection (c), the board shall consider criteria adopted by  
3 the board, including:

- 4           (1) the level of service offered by the bank;  
5           (2) the return on short-term and long-term funds by  
6 the bank; and  
7           (3) the cost of bank services.

8           SECTION 11. Sections 1049.105(b) and 1049.154(b), Special  
9 District Local Laws Code, are repealed.

10           SECTION 12. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
11 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
12 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
13 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
14 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.