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H.B. No. 1251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to calling an election to dissolve the Montgomery County
3 Hospital District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 23B(a) and (d), Chapter 258, Acts of the
6 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, are amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) The board of directors shall order an election on the
9 question of dissolving the district and disposing of the district's
10 assets and obligations if the board of directors receives a
11 petition requesting an election that is signed by a number of
12 residents of the district equal to at least 15 percent of the total
13 vote received by all candidates for governor in the most recent
14 gubernatorial general election [~~registered voters~~] in the district
15 that occurs more than 30 days before the date the petition is
16 submitted to the board. If a petition submitted under this
17 subsection does not contain the necessary number of valid
18 signatures, a petition submitted under this subsection before the
19 third anniversary of the date the invalid petition was submitted
20 has no effect.

21 (d) If a majority of the votes in the election favor
22 dissolution, the board of directors shall find that the district is
23 dissolved. If less than a majority of the votes in the election [~~do~~
24 ~~not~~] favor dissolution, the board of directors shall continue to

1 administer the district and another election on the question of
2 dissolution may not be held before the third [~~fourth~~] anniversary
3 of the most recent election to dissolve the district.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2004, and
5 applies only to a petition requesting the dissolution of the
6 district filed on or after that date.