By: Hope, et al. H.B. No. 1251

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1251:

By: Chisum C.S.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

65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, are amended to read as

7 follows:

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- 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

petition requesting an election that is signed by a number of

residents of the district equal to at least 15 percent of the total

vote received by all candidates for governor in the most recent

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

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 <u>has no effect</u>.

- 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

C.S.H.B. No. 1251

- 1 administer the district and another election on the question of
- 2 dissolution may not be held before the $\underline{\text{third}}$ [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.