

AN ACT

relating to facilities and other property of the Dallam-Hartley
Counties Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8, Chapter 128, Acts of the 66th
Legislature, Regular Session, 1979, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. DISTRICT PROPERTY. (a) The board is given complete
discretion as to the type, number, and location of buildings
required to establish and maintain an adequate hospital system.
The hospital system may include facilities deemed necessary for
hospital care by the board. The board may construct and maintain an
assisted living facility and a related facility that is necessary
to operate and maintain an assisted living facility. The district,
through the board, is further authorized to enter into an operating
or management contract with regard to all or part of its facilities,
or may lease all or part of its facilities on terms and conditions
considered to be to the best interest of its inhabitants. The
district may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real or
personal property or equipment of any nature, on terms and
conditions found by the board to be in the best interest of its
inhabitants. It may contract with public or private institutions
and physicians to provide medical and hospital care for its
indigent and needy.

(b) The board may prescribe the method and manner of making

1 purchases and expenditures by and for the hospital district, and
 2 may prescribe all accounting and control procedures. Contracts for
 3 construction involving the expenditure of the amount specified by
 4 Section 271.024, Local Government Code, may be made only after
 5 advertising in the manner provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 271,
 6 Local Government Code. The provisions of Chapter 2253, Government
 7 Code, relating to performance and payment bonds apply to
 8 construction contracts let by the district. The board may acquire
 9 by lease, purchase, option to purchase, or lease to purchase
 10 property, facilities, supplies, or equipment. The board may
 11 mortgage or pledge the property, facilities, supplies, or equipment
 12 and may pledge the revenues from the property, facilities,
 13 supplies, or equipment as security for the payment of the purchase
 14 price. Except as permitted in this subsection and Sections 4A, 6,
 15 and 7 of this Act, the district may incur no obligation payable from
 16 revenues of the district, tax or otherwise, except those on hand or
 17 to be on hand within the then current and following fiscal years of
 18 the district.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 23 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

H.B. No. 1959

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1959 was passed by the House on April 3, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1959 on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1959 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor