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H.B. No. 3596

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the contracting authority of certain hospital districts
3 to enter into or modify a tax abatement agreement.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 281, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 281.096 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 281.096. PROHIBITION AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN TAX
8 ABATEMENT AGREEMENT: EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. (a) In this
9 section, "district" means the El Paso County Hospital District.

10 (b) The district may not enter into a contract or agreement
11 to participate in a tax abatement agreement under Section 311.0125,
12 Tax Code, or Chapter 312, Tax Code. This subsection does not affect
13 the validity of a tax abatement agreement entered into by the
14 district before September 1, 2003.

15 (c) A tax abatement agreement entered into before September
16 1, 2003, may not be amended on or after September 1, 2003, to:

17 (1) increase the amount of the tax abatement of the
18 district; or

19 (2) increase the time during which the district may
20 participate in the tax abatement agreement.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.