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H.B. No. 3604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the board of directors of the Hopkins County Hospital
3 District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 3, Chapter 43, Acts of the 57th
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1961, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 3. (a) The board of directors consists of seven (7)
9 directors who serve staggered three-year terms. The directors
10 shall be elected by place. A director shall continue to serve until
11 a successor has been duly elected or appointed and qualified. No
12 person shall be appointed or elected as a member of the board of
13 directors of said hospital district unless he is a resident and a
14 qualified voter thereof and unless at the time of such election or
15 appointment he shall be more than twenty-one (21) years of age. An
16 individual who is an employee of the Hopkins County Hospital
17 District may not serve as a director of the ~~[that]~~ district.

18 (b) A person who is not a physician, dentist, or podiatrist
19 who is a member of the medical staff at Hopkins County Memorial
20 Hospital is eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as a director
21 for any place on the board. A person who is a physician, dentist, or
22 podiatrist who is a member of the medical staff at Hopkins County
23 Memorial Hospital is eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as a
24 director for places 1, 2, and 3 only.

1 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall qualify by
2 executing the constitutional oath of office and shall execute a
3 good and sufficient bond for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) payable
4 to said district conditioned upon the faithful performance of his
5 duties, and such oaths and bonds shall be deposited with the
6 depository bank of the district for safekeeping.

7 (d) The board of directors shall elect a president, a vice
8 president, and a secretary. A majority of the full membership of
9 the board of directors shall constitute a quorum and a concurrence
10 of a majority shall be sufficient in all matters pertaining to the
11 business of the district. All vacancies in the office of director
12 shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the
13 remainder of the board of directors. In the event the number of
14 directors shall be reduced to less than the number that constitutes
15 a majority for any reason, the remaining directors shall
16 immediately call a special election to fill said vacancies, and
17 upon failure to do so a district court may, upon application of any
18 voter or taxpayer of the district, issue a mandate requiring that
19 such election be ordered by the remaining directors.

20 (e) A regular election of directors shall be held on the
21 first Saturday in May of each year and notice of such election shall
22 be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county one
23 (1) time at least ten (10) days prior to the date of election. Any
24 person desiring his name to be printed on the ballot as a candidate
25 for director shall file an application with the secretary of the
26 board of directors of the district. Such application shall be filed
27 with such secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date

1 of election and shall designate the place number for which the
2 person is a candidate for director.

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