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AN ACT

relating to certain bonds issued by the Comanche County Consolidated Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 3.14, Chapter 132, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the power to issue bonds payable from taxes levied by the district as provided by ~~[under]~~ Section 3.11 ~~[3.12]~~ of this Act, the board of directors may issue and refund any previously issued revenue bond to:

- (1) purchase, construct, acquire, repair, equip, or renovate a building or improvement for hospital purposes;
- (2) acquire a site for hospital purposes; or
- (3) acquire and operate a mobile emergency service to assist the district in carrying out the district's hospital purposes.

SECTION 2. Chapter 132, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, is amended by adding Sections 3.14A and 3.14B to read as follows:

Sec. 3.14A. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF BONDS. (a) In addition to the power to issue bonds payable solely from and secured by taxes imposed by the district as authorized by Section 3.11 of this Act and the power to issue bonds payable from

1 and secured by revenues and other sources as authorized by Section
2 3.14 of this Act, the board of directors may provide for the
3 security and payment of district bonds from a pledge of a
4 combination of:

5 (1) ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section 3.11 of
6 this Act; and

7 (2) the revenues and other sources authorized by
8 Section 3.14 of this Act.

9 (b) Bonds, other than refunding bonds, that the board
10 proposes to secure wholly or partly by an ad valorem tax must be
11 approved at an election held in the district in accordance with
12 Section 3.11 of this Act.

13 (c) Bonds authorized at an election held in the district
14 before the effective date of the Act of the 78th Legislature,
15 Regular Session, 2003, that enacted this section may be payable
16 from and secured by:

17 (1) taxes as authorized by the election; or

18 (2) a pledge of a combination of ad valorem taxes,
19 revenues, and other sources as authorized by Subsection (a) of this
20 section.

21 Sec. 3.14B. USE OF CERTAIN PROCEEDS; PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.

22 (a) The district may use the proceeds of bonds described by
23 Section 3.11, 3.14, or 3.14A of this Act to pay:

24 (1) any expense the board of directors determines is
25 reasonable and necessary to effect the issuance, sale, and delivery
26 of the bonds;

27 (2) interest on the bonds during a period of

1 acquisition or construction of a project or facility to be provided
2 through the bonds;

3 (3) operation and maintenance costs of a project or
4 facility to be provided through the bonds during an estimated
5 period of acquisition or construction and for one year after the
6 project or facility is acquired or constructed;

7 (4) costs related to the financing of the bond funds,
8 including debt service reserve and contingency funds;

9 (5) costs related to the issuance of the bonds;

10 (6) costs related to the acquisition of land or an
11 interest in land for a project or facility to be provided through
12 the bonds; and

13 (7) construction costs of a project or facility to be
14 provided through the bonds, including the payment of related
15 professional services and expenses.

16 (b) A "period of acquisition or construction," as that term
17 is used in Subsection (a) of this section, may not exceed five
18 years.

19 SECTION 3. 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.