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1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; April 3, 2003, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of the board of a hospital district and
1-9 the commissioners court of the county in which the district is
1-10 located to take certain actions relating to ad valorem taxes
1-11 imposed for the benefit of the hospital district.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 281, Health and Safety
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Section 281.096 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 281.096. AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTIONS RELATING TO AD
1-16 VALOREM TAXES. (a) With respect to the imposition or collection
1-17 of an ad valorem tax imposed for the benefit of a hospital district,
1-18 the commissioners court of the county in which the district is
1-19 located has the authority assigned by law to the governing body of
1-20 the hospital district, including the authority to:

1-21 (1) adopt an exemption, partial exemption, or other
1-22 form of relief from an ad valorem tax;

1-23 (2) elect to tax property that would otherwise be
1-24 exempt from an ad valorem tax; and

1-25 (3) exercise a power granted to a taxing unit under
1-26 Section 6.30, Tax Code.

1-27 (b) The board of a hospital district may not exercise a
1-28 power granted by Subsection (a) to the commissioners court with
1-29 respect to the imposition or collection of an ad valorem tax imposed
1-30 for the benefit of the hospital district.

1-31 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-32 (b) Section 281.096, Health and Safety Code, as added by
1-33 this Act, applies only to the exemption or taxation of property for
1-34 a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2004. The exemption or
1-35 taxation of property for a tax year that begins before that date is
1-36 governed by the applicable law in effect before the effective date
1-37 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 (c) Section 281.096, Health and Safety Code, as added by
1-39 this Act, does not affect a contract entered into under Subsection
1-40 (c), Section 6.30, Tax Code, before the effective date of this Act.

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