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H.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the expansion of the boundaries of the Wood County  
3 Central Hospital District of Wood County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2, Chapter 293, Acts of the 60th  
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2. BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of this district are  
8 coterminous with the boundaries of the Quitman Independent School  
9 District as they exist on the effective date of this Act, unless the  
10 boundaries are expanded under Section 7C of this Act or other  
11 applicable law.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 293, Acts of the 60th Legislature,  
13 Regular Session, 1967, is amended by adding Section 7C to read as  
14 follows:

15 Sec. 7C. EXPANSION OF DISTRICT TERRITORY TO INCLUDE  
16 TERRITORY OF MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. (a) Registered  
17 voters of a defined territory composed of all territory within the  
18 boundaries of the Mineola Independent School District may file a  
19 petition with the secretary of the board of directors requesting  
20 the inclusion of the territory in the district. The petition must  
21 be signed by at least 50 registered voters of the defined territory  
22 or a majority of those voters, whichever is less.

23 (b) The board shall set a time and place to hold a hearing on  
24 the petition to include the territory in the district. The board

1 shall set a date for the hearing that is not earlier than the 31st  
2 day after the date the court issues the order.

3 (c) If after the hearing the board finds that annexation of  
4 the territory into the district would be feasible and would benefit  
5 the district, the board may approve the annexation by a resolution  
6 entered in its minutes.

7 (d) Annexation of the territory is final when approved by a  
8 majority of the voters at an election held in the district and by a  
9 majority of the voters at a separate election held on the same date  
10 in the territory to be annexed. If the district has outstanding  
11 debts or taxes, the voters in the election to approve the annexation  
12 must also determine if the annexed territory will assume its  
13 proportion of the debts or taxes if added to the district.

14 (e) The election ballots shall be printed to provide for  
15 voting for or against the following, as applicable:

16 (1) "Adding the territory within the boundaries of the  
17 Mineola Independent School District to the Wood County Central  
18 Hospital District of Wood County."; or

19 (2) "The territory within the boundaries of the  
20 Mineola Independent School District assuming its proportionate  
21 share of the outstanding debts and taxes of the Wood County Central  
22 Hospital District of Wood County, if it is added to the district."

23 (f) The elections shall be held after the 45th day and on or  
24 before the 60th day after the date the elections are ordered.  
25 Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to an election  
26 held under this section.

27 (g) Once annexation is approved, the board shall appoint a

1 resident of the Mineola Independent School District to serve as a  
2 temporary director until the date of the next regular election of  
3 directors. That position shall expire on the date of the regular  
4 election. During any time that the board of directors is composed  
5 of seven members, four members of the board constitute a quorum, and  
6 a concurrence of four is sufficient in all matters pertaining to the  
7 district.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.