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H.B. No. 1731

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the board of directors of the South
3 Randall County Hospital District to invest district funds.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5, Chapter 200, Acts of the 62nd
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 5. The board of directors shall manage, control and
8 administer the hospital system and all funds and resources of the
9 district, and may invest district money in funds and securities as
10 prescribed by Chapter 2256, Government Code [~~but in no event shall~~
11 ~~any operating, depreciation or building fund reserves be invested~~
12 ~~in any funds or securities other than those specified in Articles~~
13 ~~836 or 837, Revised Statutes~~]. The district, through its board of
14 directors, shall have the power and authority to sue and be sued, to
15 promulgate rules and regulations governing the operation of the
16 hospital, hospital system, its staff and its employees. The board
17 of directors shall appoint a qualified person to be known as the
18 administrator or manager of the hospital district. Such
19 administrator or manager shall serve at the will of the board and
20 shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. The
21 administrator or manager shall, upon assuming his duties, execute a
22 bond payable to the hospital district in an amount to be set by the
23 board of directors, in no event less than Five Thousand Dollars
24 (\$5,000), conditioned that he shall perform the duties required of

1 him, and containing such other conditions as the board may require.
2 The administrator or manager may appoint an assistant administrator
3 or manager. The administrator or manager shall supervise all the
4 work and activities of the district and shall have general
5 direction of the affairs of the district, subject to the
6 limitations as may be prescribed by the board. The board of
7 directors shall have the authority to appoint to the staff such
8 doctors as it may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of
9 the district, and may provide for temporary appointments to the
10 staff if warranted by circumstances. The board may delegate to the
11 administrator or manager the authority to employ technicians,
12 nurses and employees of the district. Such board shall be
13 authorized to contract with any other political subdivision or
14 governmental agency whereby the district will provide
15 investigatory or other services as to the medical, hospital, or
16 welfare needs of the inhabitants of the district and shall be
17 authorized to contract with any county or incorporated municipality
18 located outside its boundaries for the care and treatment of the
19 sick, diseased or injured persons of any such county or
20 municipality, and shall have the authority to contract with the
21 State of Texas, or agencies of the federal government for the state
22 or federal government to reimburse the district for the treatment
23 of sick, diseased or injured persons. The board shall require
24 reimbursement from the sheriff of Randall County or the police
25 chief of a municipality within Randall County for the district's
26 care and treatment of a person confined in a jail facility of the
27 county or municipality who is not a resident of the district. A

1 person confined in a jail facility of the county or municipality is
2 not considered a resident of the district unless the person meets
3 the qualifications for residency notwithstanding the confinement,
4 the length of confinement, or the facts surrounding the
5 confinement.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.