

By: Hilderbran (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 2584
(In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005;
April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
Intergovernmental Relations; May 12, 2005, reported favorably by
the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 12, 2005, sent to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the Kimble County Hospital District of Kimble County,
Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5(f), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd
Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Each year on the uniform election date prescribed by
Section 41.001, Election Code, [first Saturday] in May, an election
shall be held for the purpose of electing the appropriate number of
directors to the board.

SECTION 2. Section 8(e), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd
Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The assessor and collector of taxes is entitled to a
reasonable fee that is agreed to by the district as compensation for
the person's [his] services [of not more than one percent of the
total tax collected, but not to exceed \$5,000 in any one fiscal
year. The board shall fix the exact amount of compensation. The
tax assessor and collector shall deduct this fee from the payments
made to the district of the taxes collected, and deposit that amount
in the general fund of the county as a fee of office of the tax
assessor and collector].

SECTION 3. Section 12(g), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd
Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The board may enter into a [any] contract with any other
public or private entity, including the federal government, this
state, a municipality, or any other political subdivision, or a
charitable organization, to provide health care or related services
inside or [a municipality or other political subdivision to provide
hospital and medical care for needy persons who reside] outside the
district.

SECTION 4. Section 14(c), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd
Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the patient or a relative of the patient who is
legally liable for the patient's [his] support is able to pay for
the patient's [this] care in whole or in part, the board shall order
the patient or the patient's [his] relatives to pay to the district
[the treasurer] each week an amount specified in the order. The
amount must be in proportion to the ability to pay. The board shall
send a billing statement charging the amount specified in the order
to the person ordered to pay for the patient's care.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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