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H.B. No. 4036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Sweeny Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, Chapter 135, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The board of directors may employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers as the board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district. This subsection does not authorize the board to supervise or control the practice of medicine or permit the unauthorized practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 135, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, is amended by adding Sections 7B and 7C to read as follows:

Sec. 7B. (a) The board of directors may borrow money at a rate not to exceed the maximum annual percentage rate allowed by law for district obligations at the time the loan is made if the board declares that:

(1) money is not available to meet authorized obligations of the district; and

(2) an emergency exists.

(b) To secure a loan, the board of directors may pledge:

(1) district revenues that are not pledged to pay

1 bonded indebtedness of the district;

2 (2) district taxes to be imposed in the next 12-month  
3 period that are not pledged to pay the principal of or interest on  
4 district bonds; or

5 (3) district bonds that have been authorized but not  
6 sold.

7 (c) A loan for which district taxes or bonds are pledged  
8 must mature not later than the first anniversary of the date the  
9 loan is made. A loan for which district revenues are pledged must  
10 mature not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is  
11 made.

12 (d) The board of directors may not spend money obtained from  
13 a loan under this section for any purpose other than:

14 (1) the purpose for which the board declared an  
15 emergency; and

16 (2) if district taxes or bonds are pledged to pay the  
17 loan, the purpose for which the pledged taxes were imposed or the  
18 pledged bonds were authorized.

19 Sec. 7C. (a) The board of directors may borrow money at a  
20 rate not to exceed the maximum annual percentage rate allowed by law  
21 for district obligations at the time the loan is made.

22 (b) To secure a loan, the board of directors may pledge:

23 (1) district revenues that are not pledged to pay  
24 bonded indebtedness of the district;

25 (2) district taxes to be imposed in the next 12-month  
26 period that are not pledged to pay the principal of or interest on  
27 district bonds; or

1           (3) district bonds that have been authorized but not  
2 sold.

3           (c) A loan for which district taxes or bonds are pledged  
4 must mature not later than the first anniversary of the date the  
5 loan is made. A loan for which district revenues are pledged must  
6 mature not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is  
7 made.

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, 2007.