

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1549
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 April 23, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 23, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to health services districts.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 287.024, Health and
1-11 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) Each county or hospital district that contracts with the
1-13 district shall contribute to the district for its operation:

1-14 (1) a specified dollar amount from or a percentage of
1-15 the contracting entity's operating budget and reserves if the
1-16 contracting entity is a hospital district;

1-17 (2) a specified dollar amount [~~percentage, not less~~
1-18 ~~than the percentage required under Section 61.037 for state~~
1-19 ~~assistance, of the contracting entity's general revenue levy]~~ for
1-20 each state fiscal year for the term of the contract, if the
1-21 contracting entity is a county, that is equal to or greater than the
1-22 amount the county would have to spend during that state fiscal year
1-23 to be eligible under Section 61.037 for state assistance;

1-24 (3) state assistance received under Chapter 61;

1-25 (4) federal matching funds received by a hospital
1-26 district under the Medicaid disproportionate share program; and

1-27 (5) any funds that are:

1-28 (A) received under the Agreement Regarding
1-29 Disposition of Settlement Proceeds dated July 18, 1998, or July 24,
1-30 1998, and filed in the United States District Court, Eastern
1-31 District of Texas, in the case styled The State of Texas v. The
1-32 American Tobacco Company, et al., No. 5-96CV-91; and

1-33 (B) received on or after the date on which the
1-34 district is created and before the district is dissolved.

1-35 SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 287.041, Health and
1-36 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-37 (c) ~~The commissioners court [county judges]~~ of a county that
1-38 creates the district shall appoint the directors to the board on
1-39 behalf of the county. The board of directors of a hospital district
1-40 that creates the district shall appoint the directors to the board
1-41 on behalf of the hospital district.

1-42 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 287, Health and Safety
1-43 Code, is amended by adding Section 287.054 to read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 287.054. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. It is a ground for
1-45 removal of a director from the board if the director is absent from
1-46 four regularly scheduled board meetings during a calendar year
1-47 without an excuse approved by a majority of the board.

1-48 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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