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H.B. No. 781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Electra Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1025.062, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) The board may employ physicians, dentists, and podiatrists as the board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district.

(e) This section may not be construed as authorizing the board to supervise or control the practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 1025, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding Section 1025.116 to read as follows:

Sec. 1025.116. BENEFITS FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES. (a) The district may establish a comprehensive program to provide income and medical benefits to a district employee who sustains an injury that arises out of and in the course and scope of employment.

(b) If the district adopts a comprehensive program under Subsection (a), the district is exempt from Section 504.011, Labor Code, to the extent that the section requires the district to provide workers' compensation to its employees.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 1025, Special District

1 Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding
2 Section 1025.161 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 1025.161. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY; SECURITY. (a)
4 The board may borrow money at a rate not to exceed the maximum
5 annual percentage rate allowed by law for district obligations at
6 the time the loan is made.

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

8 (1) district revenue that is not pledged to pay the
9 district's bonded indebtedness;

10 (2) a district tax to be imposed by the district during
11 the 12-month period following the date of the pledge that is not
12 pledged to pay the principal of or interest on district bonds; or

13 (3) a district bond that has been authorized but not
14 sold.

15 (c) A loan for which taxes or bonds are pledged must mature
16 not later than the first anniversary of the date the loan is made. A
17 loan for which district revenue is pledged must mature not later
18 than the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is made.

19 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 1025, Special District
20 Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding
21 Sections 1025.209 and 1025.210 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 1025.209. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
23 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
24 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
25 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
26 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
27 1025.202 and revenue and other sources authorized by Section

1 1025.206.

2 Sec. 1025.210. USE OF BOND PROCEEDS. The district may use
3 the proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter to pay:

4 (1) any expense the board determines is reasonable and
5 necessary to issue, sell, and deliver the bonds;

6 (2) interest payments on the bonds during a period of
7 acquisition or construction of a project or facility to be provided
8 through the bonds, not to exceed five years;

9 (3) costs related to the operation and maintenance of
10 a project or facility to be provided through the bonds:

11 (A) during an estimated period of acquisition or
12 construction, not to exceed five years; and

13 (B) for one year after the project or facility is
14 acquired or constructed;

15 (4) costs related to the financing of the bond funds,
16 including debt service reserve and contingency funds;

17 (5) costs related to the bond issuance;

18 (6) costs related to the acquisition of land or
19 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
20 the bonds; and

21 (7) costs of construction of a project or facility to
22 be provided through the bonds, including the payment of related
23 professional services and expenses.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.