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H.B. No. 1366

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to ballot language in an election authorizing the issuance of bonds for hospital district system improvements.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 281.107(c) and (d), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The official proposition submitted to the voters at an election held under this section shall include, at a minimum, the information included in the election order as prescribed by Subsection (e). ~~[read substantially as follows:~~

~~["PROPOSITION~~

~~["Shall (insert name of district) be authorized to pledge all or a portion of its hospital system revenues and the revenues received from the ad valorem tax that was previously approved by the voters of the district to the payment of outstanding and future combination tax and revenue bonds and other obligations, and debt service reserves therefor, that were and will be issued and executed for the capital purposes of the district's hospital system?"]~~

(d) The ballot shall be arranged in a manner that will permit the voters to vote for or against the following summary of the proposition:

"Authorizing (insert name of district) to (insert description of proposed district improvement) and to pledge (insert amount of

1 combination tax and revenue bonds or other obligations) for the
2 purpose of financing the proposed hospital district improvement
3 project." [~~"Authorizing the (insert name of district) to pledge the~~
4 ~~revenues from its hospital system and from the ad valorem tax that~~
5 ~~was previously approved by the voters to the payment of combination~~
6 ~~tax and revenue bonds and other obligations that have been and will~~
7 ~~be issued and executed for the capital purposes of the hospital~~
8 ~~system."~~]

9 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
10 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act. An
11 election ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed
12 by the law in effect on the date the election was ordered, and that
13 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.