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H.B. No. 3411

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the powers and duties of the Castro County Hospital
3 District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 1013.052 and 1013.062, Special District
6 Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1013.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice [~~Not earlier~~
8 ~~than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date~~] of an
9 election of directors [~~, notice of the election~~] shall be published
10 [~~one time~~] in a newspaper of general circulation in Castro County in
11 accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code.

12 Sec. 1013.062. RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL STAFF AND
13 EMPLOYEES. (a) The board may spend district money, enter into
14 agreements, and take other necessary action to recruit physicians
15 and other persons to serve as medical staff members or district
16 employees, including:

17 (1) advertising and marketing;
18 (2) paying travel, recruitment, and relocation
19 expenses;

20 (3) providing a loan or scholarship to a physician or a
21 person who:

22 (A) is currently enrolled in health care
23 education courses at an institution of higher education; and

24 (B) contractually agrees to become a district

1 employee or medical staff member; and

2 (4) providing on a rent-free basis or subsidizing the
3 cost of office space or other facilities for a health care
4 professional, including a physician.

5 (b) The board may employ physicians or other health care
6 providers as the board considers necessary for the efficient
7 operation of the district.

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

11 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 1013, Special District
12 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 1013.209 and
13 1013.210 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 1013.209. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
15 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
16 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
17 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
18 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
19 1013.202 and revenue and other sources authorized by Section
20 1013.206.

21 Sec. 1013.210. USE OF BOND PROCEEDS. The district may use
22 the proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter to pay:

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

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

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

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

5 (B) for one year after the project or facility is
6 acquired or constructed;

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

9 (5) costs related to the bond issuance;

10 (6) costs related to the acquisition of land or
11 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
12 the bonds; and

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

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