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H.B. No. 3411

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Castro County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1013.052, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

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

SECTION 2. Section 1013.062, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) advertising and marketing;

(2) paying travel, recruitment, and relocation expenses;

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

(A) is currently enrolled in health care

1 education courses at an institution of higher education; and

2 (B) contractually agrees to become a district
3 employee or medical staff member; and

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

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

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

13 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 1013, Special District
14 Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding
15 Sections 1013.209 and 1013.210 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 1013.209. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
17 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
18 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
19 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
20 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
21 1013.202 and revenue and other sources authorized by Section
22 1013.206.

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

25 (1) any expense the board determines is reasonable and
26 necessary to insure, sell, and deliver the bonds;

27 (2) interest payments on the bonds during a period of

1 acquisition or construction of a project or facility to be provided
2 through the bonds, not to exceed five years;

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

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

7 (B) for one year after the project or facility is
8 acquired or constructed;

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

11 (5) costs related to the bond issuance;

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

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

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.