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H.B. No. 4138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 1043.052, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1043.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice [~~At least 10 days before the date~~] of an election of directors [~~, notice of the election~~] shall be published [~~one time~~] in a newspaper of general circulation in the district in accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code [~~Hopkins County~~].

SECTION 2. Sections 1043.059(d) and (e), Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, are amended to read as follows:

(d) Subject to Subsection (e), the board may provide financial inducements [~~, including income subsidies or guarantees and reimbursement of relocation expenses,~~] to a full-time medical intern or [~~resident~~] physician [~~serving in a hospital~~] who contractually agrees to:

(1) reside and practice in Hopkins County; and

(2) provide care and treatment to its needy residents.

(e) The board may employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers as the board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district. This subsection may not be

1 construed as authorizing the board to supervise or control the
2 practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3,
3 Occupations Code [~~offer financial inducements only to attract~~
4 ~~qualified physicians who possess medical expertise that is not~~
5 ~~available in the county~~].

6 SECTION 3. Section 1043.108, Special District Local Laws
7 Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1043.108. PROPERTY, FACILITIES, AND EQUIPMENT FOR
9 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS [~~STAFF PHYSICIANS~~]. (a) The board shall
10 determine the type, number, and location of buildings required to
11 establish and maintain office facilities for health care providers
12 [~~staff physicians~~] as necessary to provide adequate health
13 [~~medical~~] care services.

14 (b) The board may:

15 (1) acquire property, including equipment, and
16 construct facilities for the district for use by health care
17 providers [~~staff physicians~~]; and

18 (2) mortgage or pledge the property or facilities as
19 security for the payment of the purchase or construction price.

20 (c) The board for the district may:

21 (1) lease the office facilities and equipment to
22 health care providers [~~staff physicians~~]; and

23 (2) sell or otherwise dispose of the property,
24 including facilities and equipment.

25 SECTION 4. Section 1043.152(c), Special District Local Laws
26 Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

27 (c) Any district resident [~~taxpayer~~] is entitled to:

1 (1) appear at the time and place designated in the
2 notice; and

3 (2) be heard regarding any item included in the
4 proposed budget.

5 SECTION 5. Section 1043.154(b), Special District Local Laws
6 Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Not later than December 31 each year, the audit shall be
8 filed[+

9 ~~[(1) with the comptroller; and~~

10 ~~[(2)]~~ at the district office.

11 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.