

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 899
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 17, 2009; March 9, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Government
1-4 Organization; March 25, 2009, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 25, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to hospital district participation in state travel service
1-9 contracts.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 2171.055, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-13 (j) An officer or employee of a hospital district created
1-14 under general or special law who is engaged in official hospital
1-15 district business may participate in the commission's contract for
1-16 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
1-17 and reduced travel agent fees. The commission may charge a
1-18 participating hospital district a fee not to exceed the costs
1-19 incurred by the commission in providing services under this
1-20 subsection. The commission shall periodically review fees and
1-21 shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in
1-22 providing services to hospital districts under this subsection.
1-23 The commission shall deposit the fees collected under this
1-24 subsection to the credit of the hospital district airline fares
1-25 account. The hospital district airline fares account is an account
1-26 in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the
1-27 purposes of this chapter. The commission shall adopt rules and make
1-28 or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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