

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 1119 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1119. SCURRY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1119.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the district.

(2) "District" means the Scurry County Hospital District.

[Sections 1119.002-1119.050 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER B. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1119.051. EMPLOYMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. (a) The board may employ health care providers other than physicians as the board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district.

(b) The board may delegate to the administrator of the district the authority to employ health care providers under Subsection (a).

[Sections 1119.052-1119.100 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1119.101. GENERAL AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY; SECURITY.

(a) The board may borrow money at a rate not to exceed the maximum annual percentage rate allowed by law for district obligations at the time the loan is made.

(b) To secure a loan, the board may pledge:

(1) district revenue that is not pledged to pay the district's bonded indebtedness;

(2) a district tax to be imposed by the district during the 12-month period following the date of the pledge that is not pledged to pay the principal of or interest on district bonds; or

(3) district bonds that have been authorized but not sold.

(c) A loan for which taxes or bonds are pledged must mature not later than the first anniversary of the date the loan is made. A loan for which district revenue is pledged must mature not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is made.

[Sections 1119.102-1119.150 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS

Sec. 1119.151. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds under Subchapter G, Chapter 286, Health and Safety Code, the board may provide for the security and repayment of district bonds from a pledge of a combination of taxes as authorized by Section 286.142, Health and Safety Code, and revenue and other sources as authorized by Section 286.144, Health and Safety Code.

Sec. 1119.152. USE OF BOND PROCEEDS. The district may use the proceeds of bonds issued under Chapter 286, Health and Safety

1 Code, to pay:

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

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

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

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

11 (B) for one year after the project or facility is
12 acquired or constructed;

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

15 (5) costs related to the bond issuance;

16 (6) costs related to the acquisition of land or
17 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
18 the bonds; and

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

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 811 was passed by the House on April 7, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 811 on May 27, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 811 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor