

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 2117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the election of the board of directors of the Hamlin Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1037.051(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Unless the board is elected from single-member districts as provided by Section 1037.0515, the [The] board consists of seven directors elected from the district at large.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 1037, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1037.0515 to read as follows:

Sec. 1037.0515. SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS; ELECTION; TERM.

(a) On receipt of a petition signed by at least 150 registered voters of the district not later than October 1, 2013, the board shall divide the district into seven numbered single-member districts for the election of directors. The single-member districts must be:

(1) compact and contiguous; and

(2) as nearly as practicable of equal population according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(b) The board shall determine the boundaries of the seven single-member districts not later than December 1, 2013.

(c) One director shall be elected from each of the seven

1 single-member districts.

2 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (f), to be a candidate  
3 for or to serve as a director, a person must also reside in the  
4 single-member district the person represents or seeks to represent.

5 (e) A person shall indicate on the application for a place  
6 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to  
7 represent.

8 (f) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the  
9 board may redraw the boundaries of the seven single-member  
10 districts to reflect population changes. A director in office on  
11 the effective date of a change in the boundaries of a single-member  
12 district under this subsection, or a director elected before the  
13 effective date of the change to a term of office beginning on or  
14 after the effective date of the change, shall serve the term or the  
15 remainder of the term in the single-member district to which  
16 elected even if the change in boundaries places the director's  
17 residence outside of the single-member district to which the  
18 director was elected.

19 (g) At the first regular election of directors occurring  
20 after the board divides the district as provided by Subsection (a),  
21 all seven positions on the board shall be filled. After the canvass  
22 of the returns of the election, the terms of all directors serving  
23 at the time of the election expire.

24 (h) At the first meeting of directors elected under this  
25 section, the directors shall draw lots to determine which three  
26 directors serve two-year terms and which four directors serve  
27 one-year terms. After the terms of the directors initially elected

1 to the board under this section expire, directors serve staggered  
2 two-year terms, unless four-year terms are established under  
3 Section 285.081, Health and Safety Code.

4 (i) If the board does not receive a petition under  
5 Subsection (a) on or before the date prescribed by that subsection,  
6 this section expires January 1, 2015.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.