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H.B. No. 795

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Haskell County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 1040.052, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1040.052. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE. A person may not be appointed as a director unless the person:

(1) is a district resident; and

(2) is not an employee of the district or Haskell County [~~owns land in the district subject to taxation~~].

SECTION 2. Sec. 1040.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by deleting subsection (b).

SECTION 3. Sec. 1040.152(c), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

SECTION 4. Sec. 1040.153, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1040.153. FISCAL YEAR. The district operates on a fiscal year established by the Board [~~that begins on October 1 and ends on September 30~~].

1 SECTION 5. Sec. 1040.154(b), Special District Local Laws
2 Code, is revised to read as follows:

3 (b) The audit shall be available for inspection at all times
4 ~~[Not later than December 31 each year, the audit shall be filed.~~

5 ~~(1) with the comptroller, and~~

6 ~~(2)]~~ at the district office.

7 SECTION 6. Sec. 1040.155(a), Special District Local Laws
8 Code, is revised to read as follows:

9 (a) The board by resolution shall designate a bank or banks
10 ~~[in Haskell County] as the district's depository [or treasurer]. [A~~
11 ~~designated bank serves for two years and until a successor is~~
12 ~~designated.]~~

13 SECTION 7. Chapter 1040, Special District Local Laws Code,
14 is amended by adding Section 1040.207 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 1040.207. REVENUE BONDS. (a) The board may issue and
16 sell revenue bonds in the name and on the faith and credit of the
17 district to:

18 (1) purchase, construct, acquire, repair, renovate,
19 or equip buildings or improvements for hospitals and the hospital
20 system; or

21 (2) acquire sites to be used for hospital purposes.

22 (b) The bonds must be payable from and secured by a pledge of
23 all or part of the revenue derived from the operation of the
24 district's hospital system.

25 (c) The bonds may be additionally secured by a mortgage or
26 deed of trust on all or part of the district's property.

27 (d) The bonds must be issued in the manner provided by

1 Sections 264.042, 264.043, and 264.046-264.049, Health and Safety
2 Code, for issuance of revenue bonds by a county hospital authority.

3 SECTION 8. Chapter 1040, Special District Local Laws Code,
4 is amended by adding Section 1040.208 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1040.208. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
6 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
7 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
8 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
9 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
10 1040.202 and revenue and other sources as authorized by Section
11 1058.207.

12 SECTION 9. Chapter 1040, Special District Local Laws Code,
13 is amended by adding Section 1040.209 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 1040.209. USE OF BOND PROCEEDS. The district may use
15 the proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter to pay:

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

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

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

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

25 (B) for one year after the project or facility is
26 acquired or constructed;

27 (4) costs related to the financing of the bond funds,

1 including debt service reserve and contingency funds;
2 (5) costs related to the bond issuance;
3 (6) costs related to the acquisition of land or
4 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
5 the bonds; and
6 (7) construction costs of a project or facility to be
7 provided through the bonds, including the payment of related
8 professional services and expenses.

9 SECTION 10. This act takes effect immediately if it
10 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
11 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
12 If this act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
13 effect, this act takes effect September 1, 2015.