

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 795
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
1-3 April 30, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 11, 2015, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the Haskell County Hospital District; authorizing the
1-18 issuance of bonds.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1040.052, Special District Local Laws
1-21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 1040.052. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE. (a) A person may
1-23 not be appointed as a director unless the person~~+~~

1-24 ~~[(1)] is a district resident[, and~~

1-25 ~~[(2)] owns land in the district subject to taxation].~~

1-26 (b) A person may not be appointed as a director if the person
1-27 is:

1-28 (1) a district employee; or

1-29 (2) an employee of Haskell County.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 1040.152(c), Special District Local Laws
1-31 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-32 (c) Any district resident ~~[taxpayer]~~ is entitled to:

1-33 (1) appear at the time and place designated in the
1-34 notice; and

1-35 (2) be heard regarding any item included in the
1-36 proposed budget.

1-37 SECTION 3. Section 1040.153, Special District Local Laws
1-38 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 1040.153. FISCAL YEAR. The district operates on a
1-40 fiscal year established by the board ~~[that begins on October 1 and~~
1-41 ~~ends on September 30].~~

1-42 SECTION 4. Section 1040.154(b), Special District Local Laws
1-43 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-44 (b) The audit shall be open to inspection during regular
1-45 business hours ~~[Not later than December 31 each year, the audit~~
1-46 ~~shall be filed.~~

1-47 ~~[(1)] with the comptroller; and~~

1-48 ~~[(2)] at the district's principal [district] office.~~

1-49 SECTION 5. Section 1040.155(a), Special District Local Laws
1-50 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-51 (a) The board by resolution shall designate a bank or banks
1-52 ~~[in Haskell County] as the district's depository [or treasurer. A~~
1-53 ~~designated bank serves for two years and until a successor is~~
1-54 ~~designated].~~

1-55 SECTION 6. Subchapter E, Chapter 1040, Special District
1-56 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 1040.207, 1040.208,
1-57 and 1040.209 to read as follows:

1-58 Sec. 1040.207. REVENUE BONDS. (a) The board may issue
1-59 revenue bonds to:

1-60 (1) purchase, construct, acquire, repair, renovate,
1-61 or equip buildings or improvements for hospitals and the hospital

2-1 system; or
2-2 (2) acquire sites to be used for hospital purposes.

2-3 (b) The bonds must be payable from and secured by a pledge of
2-4 all or part of the revenue derived from the operation of the
2-5 district's hospital system.

2-6 (c) The bonds may be additionally secured by a mortgage or
2-7 deed of trust on all or part of the district's property.

2-8 (d) The bonds must be issued in the manner and in accordance
2-9 with the procedures and requirements prescribed by Sections
2-10 264.042, 264.043, 264.046, 264.047, 264.048, and 264.049, Health
2-11 and Safety Code, for issuance of revenue bonds by a county hospital
2-12 authority.

2-13 Sec. 1040.208. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
2-14 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
2-15 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
2-16 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
2-17 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
2-18 1040.202 and revenue and other sources as authorized by Section
2-19 1040.207.

2-20 Sec. 1040.209. USE OF BOND PROCEEDS. The district may use
2-21 the proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter to pay:

2-22 (1) any expense the board determines is reasonable and
2-23 necessary to issue, sell, and deliver the bonds;

2-24 (2) interest payments on the bonds during a period of
2-25 acquisition or construction of a project or facility to be provided
2-26 through the bonds, not to exceed five years;

2-27 (3) costs related to the operation and maintenance of
2-28 a project or facility to be provided through the bonds:

2-29 (A) during an estimated period of acquisition or
2-30 construction, not to exceed five years; and

2-31 (B) for one year after the project or facility is
2-32 acquired or constructed;

2-33 (4) costs related to the financing of the bond funds,
2-34 including debt service reserve and contingency funds;

2-35 (5) costs related to the bond issuance;

2-36 (6) costs related to the acquisition of land or
2-37 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
2-38 the bonds; and

2-39 (7) construction costs of a project or facility to be
2-40 provided through the bonds, including the payment of related
2-41 professional services and expenses.

2-42 SECTION 7. Section 1040.053(b), Special District Local Laws
2-43 Code, is repealed.

2-44 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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