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H.B. No. 797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Hunt Memorial Hospital District; authorizing the issuance of bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1044.052, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1044.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice [~~At least 10 days before the date~~] of an election of directors [~~, notice of the election~~] shall be published in accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code, [~~at least one time~~] in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.

SECTION 2. Section 1044.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1044.053. BALLOT APPLICATION [~~PETITION~~]. A person who wants to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for director must file with the board secretary an application in accordance with Chapter 144, Election Code [~~a petition requesting that action. The petition must:~~

~~(1) be signed by at least 25 registered voters who reside in the district,~~

~~(2) be filed at least 31 days before the date of the election, and~~

~~(3) specify the county commissioners precinct the candidate wants to represent or specify that the candidate wants to~~

1 ~~represent the district at large].~~

2 SECTION 3. Section 1044.103, Special District Local Laws
3 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1044.103. MEDICAL FACILITIES; LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It
5 is the intent of the legislature that the people of Hunt County be
6 provided with the best and most modern health care available. To
7 achieve that intent, the district may locate ~~[provide]~~ a medical or
8 related facility in the city of Commerce, ~~[and]~~ in another area
9 ~~[other areas]~~ of Hunt County, or in another county if the board
10 finds that providing a facility is feasible and in the best interest
11 of district residents.

12 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 1044, Special District
13 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 1044.206, 1044.207,
14 1044.208, and 1044.209 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 1044.206. REVENUE BONDS. (a) The board may issue
16 revenue bonds to:

17 (1) acquire, purchase, construct, repair, renovate,
18 or equip buildings or improvements for hospital purposes; or

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

20 (b) The bonds must be payable from and secured by a pledge of
21 all or part of the revenues derived from the operation of the
22 district's hospital system, including district facilities.

23 (c) The bonds may be additionally secured by a mortgage or
24 deed of trust lien on all or part of the district property.

25 (d) The bonds must be issued in the manner and in accordance
26 with the procedures and requirements prescribed by Sections
27 264.042, 264.043, 264.046, 264.047, 264.048, and 264.049, Health

1 and Safety Code, for issuance of revenue bonds by county hospital
2 authorities.

3 Sec. 1044.207. REFUNDING BONDS. (a) The board may issue
4 refunding bonds to refund outstanding indebtedness issued or
5 assumed by the district.

6 (b) A refunding bond may be:

7 (1) sold, with the proceeds of the refunding bond
8 applied to the payment of the outstanding indebtedness; or

9 (2) exchanged wholly or partly for not less than a
10 similar principal amount of outstanding indebtedness.

11 Sec. 1044.208. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
12 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
13 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
14 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
15 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
16 1044.202 and revenue and other sources authorized by Section
17 1044.206.

18 Sec. 1044.209. USE OF BOND PROCEEDS. The district may use
19 the proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter to pay:

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

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

25 (3) costs related to the financing of the bond funds,
26 including debt service reserve and contingency funds;

27 (4) costs related to the bond issuance;

1 (5) costs related to the acquisition of land or
2 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
3 the bonds; and

4 (6) costs of construction of a project or facility to
5 be provided through the bonds, including the payment of related
6 professional services and expenses.

7 SECTION 5. 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, 2015.