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H.B. No. 797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Hunt Memorial Hospital District.

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 at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district in accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code.

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 represent the district at large.]~~

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

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

11 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 1044, Special District
12 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1044.206 to read as
13 follows:

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

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

18 (2) acquiresites to be used for hospital purposes.

19 (b) The bonds must be payable from and secured by a pledge of
20 all or part of the revenue derived from the operation of the
21 district's hospitals.

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

24 (d) The bonds must be issued in the manner and in accordance
25 with the procedures and requirements prescribed by Sections
26 264.042, 264.043, 264.046, 264.047, 264.048, and 264.049 for
27 issuance of revenue bonds by county hospital authorities.

1 SECTION 5. Subchapter E, Chapter 1044, Special District
2 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1044.207 to read as
3 follows:

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

7 (b) A refunding bond may be:

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

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

12 SECTION 6. Subchapter E, Chapter 1044, Special District
13 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1044.208 to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 1044.208. ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SECURING REPAYMENT OF
16 BONDS. In addition to the authority to issue general obligation
17 bonds and revenue bonds under this subchapter, the board may
18 provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge
19 of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section
20 1044.201 and revenue and other sources as authorized by Section
21 1044.206.

22 SECTION 7. Subchapter B, Chapter 1044, Special District
23 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1044.209 to read as
24 follows:

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

27 (1) any expense the board determines is reasonable and

1 necessary to issue, sell, and deliver the bonds;

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

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

7 (4) costs related to the issuance of the bonds;

8 (5) costs related to the acquisition of land or
9 interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through
10 the bonds; and

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

14 SECTION 8. This act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 act takes effect September 1, 2015.