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S.B. No. 1147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the lease of undeveloped real property by certain hospital districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 281.0511, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the board may, with the approval of the commissioners court, lease undeveloped or vacant real property for not more than 99 years to provide for the development and construction of facilities designed to generate revenue for the financial benefit of the district. The board, directly or through a nonprofit corporation, may contract or enter into a joint venture with a public or private entity as necessary to enter into a lease under this subsection. The board may enter into a lease under this subsection only after an open meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, including Section 551.072, Government Code.

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