

AN ACT

relating to the appointment and terms of the board of hospital managers of the Dallas County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0211 to read as follows:

Sec. 281.0211. APPOINTMENT OF DALLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD; MEMBERS' TERMS. (a) The Dallas County Hospital District is governed by a board composed of 11 members, appointed as follows:

(1) the Dallas County Commissioners Court shall appoint one member;

(2) each commissioner on the Dallas County Commissioners Court shall appoint two members; and

(3) the county judge of Dallas County shall appoint two members.

(b) Board members appointed under this section serve staggered three-year terms, with as near as possible to one-third of the members' terms expiring each year.

(c) On or after September 1, 2022, the Dallas County Commissioners Court shall appoint members to the board in accordance with Sections [281.021\(a\)](#) and [281.022\(a\)](#).

(d) Subsection (c) does not affect the entitlement of a member of the board of the Dallas County Hospital District

1 appointed to the board under this section before September 1, 2022,
2 to continue to carry out the member's functions for the remainder of
3 the member's term.

4 (e) On the expiration of the terms of the board members
5 described by Subsection (d), the Dallas County Commissioners Court
6 shall take appropriate action to ensure that, as soon as possible,
7 the board of the Dallas County Hospital District complies with the
8 requirements of Sections 281.021(a) and 281.022(a).

9 SECTION 2. (a) The members of the board of hospital
10 managers of the Dallas County Hospital District serving on the
11 effective date of this Act may draw lots or use another method to
12 determine the members, the number of whom must be as near as
13 possible to one-third of the total number of members, who shall
14 serve terms that expire in 2018, the members, the number of whom
15 must be as near as possible to one-third of the total number of
16 members, who shall serve terms that expire in 2017, and the members,
17 the number of whom must be as near as possible to one-third of the
18 total number of members, who shall serve terms that expire in 2016.
19 The members of the board appointed to succeed the members serving on
20 the effective date of this Act shall serve three-year terms.

21 (b) At the time the terms of the board of hospital managers
22 of the Dallas County Hospital District are determined under
23 Subsection (a) of this section, the Dallas County Commissioners
24 Court shall establish the specific date on which the terms of
25 members of the board of hospital managers shall expire each year.

26 (c) The additional members of the board of hospital managers
27 of the Dallas County Hospital District required by Section

1 281.0211, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, must be
2 appointed not later than January 1, 2016.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1461 passed the Senate on April 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1461 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 5, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor