

1-1 By: Cook (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 3442
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
 1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 18, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0, 2 present not voting; May 18, 2017, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the Fairfield Hospital District.
 1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-22 SECTION 1. Section 1015.052, Special District Local Laws
 1-23 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-24 Sec. 1015.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice [At least 35 days
 1-25 before the date of an election of directors, notice] of an [the]
 1-26 election of directors shall be published in accordance with Chapter
 1-27 4, Election Code [one time in a newspaper with general circulation
 1-28 in the district].
 1-29 SECTION 2. Section 1015.252, Special District Local Laws
 1-30 Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection
 1-31 (b-1) to read as follows:
 1-32 (b) The tax rate for all purposes may not exceed 12 cents on
 1-33 each \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the district, unless
 1-34 the tax rate is increased as provided by Section 1015.254.
 1-35 (b-1) If an increase in the tax rate is approved at an
 1-36 election under Section 1015.254, the tax rate for all purposes may
 1-37 not exceed the maximum tax rate approved by the voters at the
 1-38 election.
 1-39 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 1015, Special District
 1-40 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1015.254 to read as
 1-41 follows:
 1-42 Sec. 1015.254. ELECTION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM TAX RATE. (a)
 1-43 The board may order an election to increase the maximum tax rate of
 1-44 the district to a rate not to exceed 25 cents on each \$100 valuation
 1-45 of the taxable property in the district.
 1-46 (b) Subject to Subsection (d), the board shall order an
 1-47 election to increase the maximum tax rate of the district on
 1-48 presentation of a petition that:
 1-49 (1) requests the election;
 1-50 (2) states the maximum tax rate to be voted on at the
 1-51 election; and
 1-52 (3) is signed by at least 100 registered voters of the
 1-53 district, as determined by the most recent official list of
 1-54 registered voters.
 1-55 (c) The board by order shall set a time and place to hold a
 1-56 hearing on the petition. The board shall set a date for the hearing
 1-57 that is not earlier than the 11th day after the date the board
 1-58 issues the order.
 1-59 (d) If, after the hearing, the board determines that the
 1-60 petition is in proper form and that an increase of the maximum tax
 1-61 rate would benefit the district, the board shall order an election

2-1 to authorize the increase of the maximum tax rate to the tax rate
2-2 stated in the petition.

2-3 (e) The election order must state:

2-4 (1) the nature of the election, including the
2-5 proposition that is to appear on the ballot;

2-6 (2) the maximum tax rate to be voted on at the
2-7 election;

2-8 (3) the date of the election;

2-9 (4) the hours during which the polls will be open; and

2-10 (5) the location of the polling places.

2-11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-15 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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