

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 468
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 468 seeks to address concerns regarding the regulatory burden placed on the Collingsworth County Hospital District and its board of directors. This legislation grants the hospital district the authority to purchase, repair, lease, and renovate facilities and to contract with any person to manage or operate a district facility. Additionally, H.B. 468 allows the board to lease, sell, or dispose of district property in order to maintain an adequate hospital system.

H.B. 468 amends current law relating to the authority of the Collingsworth County Hospital District to take certain actions regarding district property.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1014.107, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 1014.107. New heading: DISTRICT PROPERTY, FACILITIES, AND EQUIPMENT. (a) Creates this subsection and Subdivision (1) from existing text. Requires the board of directors of the Collingsworth County Hospital District (board; district) to determine:

- (1) the type, number, and location of buildings or other facilities required to maintain an adequate hospital system, rather than the type, number, and location of buildings required to maintain an adequate hospital system; and
- (2) the type of equipment necessary for hospital care.

(b) Authorizes the board to:

- (1) acquire by purchase, lease, or lease to purchase or to construct, repair, or renovate property, including facilities or equipment, for use in the district's hospital system; and
- (2) mortgage or pledge the property as security for the purchase price.

(c) Authorizes the board to lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of all or part of the district's property for the district, including facilities or equipment, to a public or private entity.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 1014, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 1014.113, as follows:

Sec. 1014.113. OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS. Authorizes the district, through its board, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter (Collingsworth County Hospital District), to contract with any person to manage or operate a district facility.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.