

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the procedure for the dissolution of the Cedar Creek  
3 Hospital District and the disposition of district money.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22, Chapter 22, Acts of the 63rd  
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1973, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22. Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 21A(c)  
8 and 21C(c), any election held under this Act shall be in accordance  
9 with the Texas Election Code as it presently exists, and is  
10 hereafter amended and any final court decision or decisions  
11 construing such election code.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 22, Acts of the 63rd Legislature,  
13 Regular Session, 1973, is amended by adding Section 21C to read as  
14 follows:

15 Sec. 21C. (a) The district may be dissolved as provided by  
16 this section only if:

17 (1) the district is not providing or paying for the  
18 provision of medical or hospital care;

19 (2) all positions on the board of directors of the  
20 district are vacant;

21 (3) the district has no outstanding indebtedness; and

22 (4) the only remaining asset of the district is money.

23 (b) The county judges of Kaufman, Van Zandt, and Henderson  
24 Counties may jointly agree to order an election on the question of

1 dissolving the district and using any remaining district money to  
2 establish and administer the scholarship described by Subsection  
3 (g) of this section.

4 (c) Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to an  
5 election held under this section.

6 (d) The ballot for the election shall be printed to permit  
7 voting for or against the proposition: "The dissolution of the  
8 Cedar Creek Hospital District and the use of district money to  
9 establish and administer the Andrew Gibbs Memorial Nursing  
10 Scholarship."

11 (e) If a majority of the votes cast in the election do not  
12 favor the proposition, the county judges of Kaufman, Van Zandt, and  
13 Henderson Counties may not take any additional action under this  
14 section.

15 (f) If a majority of the votes cast in the election favor the  
16 proposition:

17 (1) the county judges of Kaufman, Van Zandt, and  
18 Henderson Counties shall:

19 (A) find that the district is dissolved; and

20 (B) transfer the district money in equal shares  
21 to Kaufman, Van Zandt, and Henderson Counties for the purpose of  
22 establishing and administering the Andrew Gibbs Memorial Nursing  
23 Scholarship in accordance with Subsection (g) of this section; and

24 (2) not later than the 10th day after the date the  
25 commissioners courts of Kaufman, Van Zandt, and Henderson Counties  
26 determine that the requirements of Subdivision (1) of this  
27 subsection have been met, the commissioners courts of the counties

1 shall enter orders dissolving the district.

2 (g) The county judges of Kaufman, Van Zandt, and Henderson  
3 Counties shall use the money transferred under Subsection (f) of  
4 this section to jointly establish and administer the Andrew Gibbs  
5 Memorial Nursing Scholarship. The counties shall jointly establish  
6 an oversight committee to administer the scholarship. The  
7 oversight committee may establish eligibility criteria and  
8 procedures for the application and selection process, provided that  
9 the eligibility criteria must require an individual receiving a  
10 scholarship to:

11 (1) reside in the boundaries of the district, as those  
12 boundaries existed on the date of the election described by  
13 Subsection (b) of this section, at the time the individual is  
14 accepted for admission to a nursing education program at an  
15 institution of higher education in this state; and

16 (2) be currently enrolled in, or have been accepted  
17 for admission to, a nursing education program described by  
18 Subdivision (1) of this subsection.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.