

CHAPTER 245

H.B. No. 243

An Act relating to the powers and duties of the Castro County Hospital District board of directors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, is amended by adding Section 8A to read as follows:

Sec. 8A. (a) The board of directors of the Castro County Hospital District shall determine the type, number, and location of facilities required to establish and maintain an adequate hospital system and the type of equipment necessary for hospital care. The hospital system may include facilities and equipment to provide for domiciliary care and treatment of sick, injured, or geriatric patients, outpatient clinics, convalescent home facilities, physicians' offices, or any other facility or equipment the board considers necessary for hospital purposes. The district also may operate or provide for the operation of a mobile emergency medical service as part of the hospital system.

(b) The board may acquire, construct, repair, or renovate property, facilities, or equipment for the district for use in the hospital system and may mortgage or pledge the property, facilities, or equipment acquired as security for the payment of the purchase price.

(c) The board may lease hospital facilities on behalf of the district.

(d) The district may operate any facilities covered by this section or may enter into a contract with any person to operate any of those facilities.

(e) The board may sell or otherwise dispose of property, facilities, or equipment on behalf of the district.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 14, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 4, 1985

Effective: Immediately