

## CHAPTER 279

H.B. No. 1211

## AN ACT

relating to the tax rate of the Comanche County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 203, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973, is amended by adding Section 15A to read as follows:

*Sec. 15A. (a) The board of directors may order an election on the question of decreasing the district's maximum tax rate to 35 cents on each \$100 of valuation on all taxable property in the district. The board shall order an election on this question if the board receives a petition requesting an election that is signed by at least 50 of the registered voters in the district.*

*(b) The election shall be held not later than the 60th day after the date on which the election is ordered. Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to an election ordered under this section.*

*(c) The ballot for the election shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The levy of annual taxes by the district for hospital purposes at a rate not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the district." The election shall be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Election Code.*

*(d) The board shall meet and canvass the election returns. If a majority of the votes favor the proposition, the board may levy taxes as authorized by the proposition. If a majority of the votes do not favor the proposition, another election on the question of decreasing the*

*district's maximum tax rate may not be held before the first anniversary of the most recent election at which voters disapproved the proposition.*

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 25, 1993: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1211 on May 18, 1993: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 12, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 24, 1993.

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