CHAPTER 677

S.B. No. 1472

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Lubbock County Hospital District to render primary care, emergency services, preventive medicine services, and other health-related services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, Chapter 484, Acts of the 60th Legislature, 1967, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. PURPOSE OF DISTRICT. The district authorized to be created by this Act is charged with the responsibility of establishing a hospital or a hospital system, including medical facilities or other health facilities, within its boundaries to furnish hospital and medical care to the residents of the district. After this district is created as provided in Section 4 of this Act, no other municipality or political subdivision shall have the power to levy taxes or issue bonds or other obligations for hospital purposes or for providing medical care within the boundaries of the district. This district shall provide all necessary medical and hospital care for the needy inhabitants of the district. The district, subject to the approval of the Lubbock County Commissioners Court, may render primary care, emergency services, preventive medicine services, and other health-related services outside the district, provided that these activities meet the purpose of the district as established by this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the Senate on May 17, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 15, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.