

CHAPTER 329

S.B. No. 851

AN ACT

relating to an exception to the open meetings law for certain deliberations of the board of directors of a municipal hospital or a municipal hospital authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, Chapter 271, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (s) to read as follows:

*(s) This Act does not require the board of directors of a municipal hospital or the board of directors of a municipal hospital authority to conduct an open meeting to deliberate:*

*(1) pricing or financial planning information relating to a bid or negotiation in which the hospital is offering its services or product lines as a contract service provider to another party if disclosure of the information would give advantage to competitors of the hospital; or*

*(2) information relating to a proposed new service or product line of the hospital before the hospital publicly announces the service or product line.*

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 April 19, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 29, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.