

CHAPTER 1024

H.B. No. 2554

AN ACT

relating to the dissolution of the Grapeland Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 455, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended by adding Section 18A to read as follows:

Sec. 18A. DISSOLUTION. (a) The district may be dissolved as provided by this section.

(b) The board of directors may order an election on the question of dissolving the district and transferring the district's assets and obligations to a governmental entity in Houston County as specified in the election order. The board shall order an election if the board receives a petition requesting an election that is signed by at least

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20 percent of the registered voters in the district. The election order must designate the governmental entity in Houston County to which the district's assets and obligations will be transferred.

(c) The election shall be held not more than 60 days 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.

(d) The ballot for the election shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The dissolution of the Grapeland Hospital District and the transfer of the existing district assets to and the assumption of debts and bond obligations by _____ (name of governmental entity as specified in the election order)." The election shall be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Election Code.

(e) If a majority of the votes in the election favor dissolution and transfer of the district's assets and obligations, the board shall declare that the district is dissolved and shall transfer the district's assets and obligations to the governmental entity specified in the election order as prescribed by Subsection (f) of this section. If a majority of the votes in the election do not favor dissolution and transfer of the district's assets and obligations, the board shall continue to administer the district and may not order an election on the question of dissolution for at least one year after the date of the most recent election to dissolve the district and to transfer the district's assets and obligations.

(f) If a majority of the votes in the election favor dissolution and transfer of the district's assets and obligations, the board shall transfer to the governmental entity specified in the election order the land, buildings, improvements, equipment, and other assets that belong to the district. At the time of the transfer the governmental entity specified in the election order assumes all debts and obligations of the district.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 by the House on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.