

CHAPTER 698

S.B. No. 1418

AN ACT

relating to the election of the board of directors of the Stratford Hospital District and to the validation of actions by the district.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 4, Chapter 470, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended to read as follows:

(c) *Directors shall serve staggered terms with three directors elected one year and two directors elected the next year. Directors* ~~[At such time as the creation of the district is approved and the returns of the election officially canvassed, the persons then serving as temporary directors shall become permanent directors of the district, shall execute the constitutional oath of office as such, and divide themselves into two classes: Class One, three persons, to serve until the first Saturday in April next following; Class~~

~~Two, two persons to serve until the first Saturday in April of the following year. Successors]~~ shall be elected by vote of the electors of the entire district for two year terms. *An election to elect an appropriate number of directors shall be held on the third Saturday in May of each year.* Notice of each such election shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers which individually or collectively provide general circulation in the district one time at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. Any person desiring to have his name printed on the ballot as a candidate for director shall file *an application* [~~a petition signed by at least 10 qualified property taxpaying electors asking that such name be printed on the ballot~~] with the secretary of the board of directors. Such *application* [~~petition~~] shall be filed with the secretary *not less than 30 days nor more than 60* [~~at least 10~~] days prior to the date of the election. Vacancies in office shall be filled for the unexpired term of the remainder of the permanent directors. Each member of the board of directors shall execute a good and sufficient bond for \$1,000 payable to said district conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties, and each bond shall be purchased at the expense of the district.

SECTION 2. Chapter 470, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended by adding Section 23A to read as follows:

Sec. 23A. All resolutions, orders, and other acts or attempted acts of the board of directors of the district and all proceedings of the district, authorizing the issuance of bonds of the district, including voted but unissued bonds of the district, bond elections, all taxes voted for and collected, and all contracts, are validated in all respects. All the resolutions, orders, and other acts or attempted acts of the board of directors of the district, all proceedings of the district, the district's bonds, bond elections, tax authorization and collection, pledged revenues, and contracts shall be valid as though they had originally been duly and legally authorized or accomplished.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. 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 30, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.