

CHAPTER 468

H.B. No. 3198

AN ACT

relating to the board of directors of the Montgomery County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4(a), Chapter 258, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The district is governed by a board of seven directors. Three of the directors shall be elected at large from the entire district, and the remaining four directors each shall be elected from a different commissioner's precinct in the district, and each shall be a resident of the precinct he represents. Candidates to represent the district at large shall run by position. A qualified elector is entitled to vote for the directors to be elected at large and for the director to be elected from the precinct in which the elector resides. Directors shall serve for terms of four years expiring on the second Tuesday in June. No person may be appointed or elected as a member of the board of directors of the hospital district unless he is a resident of the district and a qualified elector and unless at the time of such election or appointment he shall be more than 21 years of age. No person may be appointed or elected as a director of the hospital district if he holds another appointed or elected public office of honor, trust, or profit. A person holding another public office of honor, trust, or profit who seeks to be appointed or elected a director automatically vacates the first office. ~~[No physician who has hospital privileges in the district may be a director; provided the chief of staff may serve as an ex-officio director without the right to vote as a member of the board.]~~ Each member of the board of directors shall serve without compensation and shall qualify by executing the constitutional oath of office and shall execute a good and sufficient bond for \$1,000 payable to the district conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties, and the bonds shall be deposited with the depository bank of the district for safekeeping.

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 May 9, 1995: Yeas 141, Nays 0; 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1995: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 9, 1995.

Effective June 9, 1995.

CHAPTER 469

H.B. No. 3211

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications and terms of the port commissioners of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. APPOINTMENT OF PORT COMMISSIONERS; *ELIGIBILITY*. (a) The Commissioners Court of Nueces County shall appoint four members to the port commission, and the City Council of Corpus Christi shall appoint three members to the port commission.

(b) *A person must have been a resident of Nueces County for at least six months to be eligible for appointment to the port commission.*

Sec. 3. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) The port commissioners shall serve staggered three-year terms.

(b) A person may not serve more than four full terms as port commissioner.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect the eligibility of a person who, on the effective date of this Act, is a member of the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County.

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, 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 May 3, 1995: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1995: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 470

H.B. No. 2187

AN ACT

relating to coordination between The University of Texas at Tyler and other institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 76.02, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 76.02. ROLE AND SCOPE. (a) *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the [The] institution shall offer junior and senior undergraduate programs and graduate programs, both of which are subject to the authority of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.*

(b) *If the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves an engineering degree program at the institution, the institution may offer lower division courses relating to that program if such courses are offered as part of a partnership agreement entered into under Subchapter N, Chapter 51 of this code.*

SECTION 2. Section 76.05, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 76.05. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The board may accept donations, gifts, and endowments for the institution. They are to be held in trust and administered by the board according to the purposes, directions, limitations, and provisions declared in writing in the donation, gift, or endowment. The provisions of the donation, gift, or endowment shall be followed to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the laws of this state or with the objective and proper management of the institution.

(b) *The board shall solicit and may accept donations, gifts, and endowments from private sources to provide equipment and other personal property for the engineering degree program, if one is established. The board shall establish an account for the deposit of money accepted under this subsection. Money in the account may be used only to provide and maintain equipment and other personal property used by the engineering degree program.*

SECTION 3. Chapter 76, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 76.07 to read as follows:

Sec. 76.07. PARTNERSHIPS WITH JUNIOR COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. (a) *The institution shall seek to build and expand partnership agreements authorized by Subchapter N, Chapter 51 of this code. With the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the institution may enter into a partnership agreement with a private institution of higher education located in the same county as any campus of the*