



1 years of service for those employees who have been continuously  
2 employed in the operation or management of the hospital facilities  
3 acquired, including those acquired upon the creation thereof by  
4 reason of Section 2 of this Act, or constructed by the district.  
5 The district, through its board of directors, shall have the power  
6 and authority to sue and be sued, and shall be entitled to all  
7 causes of action and defenses enjoyed by similar authorities, to  
8 promulgate rules and regulations governing the operation of the  
9 hospital, hospital system, its staff, and its employees. The board  
10 of directors shall appoint a qualified person to be known as the  
11 administrator or manager of the hospital district and may in its  
12 discretion appoint an assistant to the administrator or manager.  
13 Such administrator or manager and assistant administrator or  
14 manager, if any, shall serve at the will of the board and shall  
15 receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. The  
16 administrator or manager shall, upon assuming his duties, execute a  
17 bond payable to the hospital district in an amount to be set by the  
18 board of directors, in no event less than \$500,000 conditioned that  
19 he shall perform the duties required of him, and containing such  
20 other conditions as the board may require. The administrator or  
21 manager shall supervise all the work and activities of the district  
22 and shall have general direction of the affairs of the district,  
23 subject to the limitations as may be prescribed by the board. The  
24 board of directors shall have the authority to appoint to the staff  
25 such doctors as it may be deemed necessary for the efficient  
26 operation of the district, and may provide for temporary  
27 appointments to the staff if warranted by circumstances. The board

1 may employ physicians or other health care providers as the board  
2 considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district.  
3 This section does not authorize the board to supervise or control  
4 the practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3,  
5 Occupations Code. The board may delegate to the administrator or  
6 manager the authority to employ technicians, nurses, and employees  
7 of the district other than physicians. Such board shall be  
8 authorized to contract with any other public or private entity,  
9 including a county, municipality, hospital district, or any other  
10 political subdivision, or a charitable organization, to provide  
11 health care or related services inside or outside of the district.

12 SECTION 3. Section 285.232, Health and Safety Code, is  
13 repealed.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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S.B. No. 1972

David K. Hubert  
President of the Senate

Jim Caddick  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1972 passed the Senate on May 10, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1972 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

15 JUN 07  
Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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