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AN ACT

1 relating to the authority of hospital districts to lease  
2 undeveloped real property.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 281.050, Health and Safety Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 281.050. POWERS RELATING TO DISTRICT PROPERTY,  
7 FACILITIES, AND EQUIPMENT. (a) With the approval of the  
8 commissioners court, the board may construct, condemn, acquire,  
9 lease, add to, maintain, operate, develop, regulate, sell,  
10 exchange, and convey any property, property right, equipment,  
11 hospital facility, or system to maintain a hospital, building, or  
12 other facility or to provide a service required by the district.  
13 Approval of the commissioners court shall be required for the sale  
14 or lease of a hospital facility regardless of the provisions of  
15 Section 285.051.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may, with the  
17 approval of the commissioners court, lease undeveloped real  
18 property for not more than 50 years to provide for the development  
19 and construction of facilities designed to generate revenue for the  
20 financial benefit of the district. The board, directly or through a  
21 nonprofit corporation, may contract or enter into a joint venture  
22 with a public or private entity as necessary to enter into a lease  
23 under this subsection.  
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S.B. No. 1478

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2009. \_\_\_\_\_

Rand Newkirk  
President of the Senate

Jim Strawn  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1478 passed the Senate on  
April 16, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1478 passed the House on  
May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, one present  
not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Henney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 JUN '09  
Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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