

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the Kimble County Hospital District of Kimble County,  
3 Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5(f), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd  
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

7 (f) Each year on the uniform election date prescribed by  
8 Section 41.001, Election Code, [first Saturday] in May, an election  
9 shall be held for the purpose of electing the appropriate number of  
10 directors to the board.

11 SECTION 2. Section 8(e), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd  
12 Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

13 (e) The assessor and collector of taxes is entitled to a  
14 reasonable fee that is agreed to by the district as compensation for  
15 the person's [his] services [of not more than one percent of the  
16 total tax collected, but not to exceed \$5,000 in any one fiscal  
17 year. The board shall fix the exact amount of compensation. The  
18 tax assessor and collector shall deduct this fee from the payments  
19 made to the district of the taxes collected, and deposit that amount  
20 in the general fund of the county as a fee of office of the tax  
21 assessor and collector].

22 SECTION 3. Section 12(g), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd  
23 Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

24 (g) The board may enter into a [any] contract with any other

1 public or private entity, including the federal government, this  
2 state, a municipality, or any other political subdivision, or a  
3 charitable organization, to provide health care or related services  
4 inside or [~~a municipality or other political subdivision to provide~~  
5 ~~hospital and medical care for needy persons who reside~~] outside the  
6 district.

7 SECTION 4. Section 14(c), Chapter 873, Acts of the 62nd  
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, is amended to read as follows:

9 (c) If the patient or a relative of the patient who is  
10 legally liable for the patient's [~~his~~] support is able to pay for  
11 the patient's [~~this~~] care in whole or in part, the board shall order  
12 the patient or the patient's [~~his~~] relatives to pay to the district  
13 [~~the treasurer~~] each week an amount specified in the order. The  
14 amount must be in proportion to the ability to pay. The board shall  
15 send a billing statement charging the amount specified in the order  
16 to the person ordered to pay for the patient's care.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Credik

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2584 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Hamey  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2584 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

17 JUNE '05

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
11:20 AM O'CLOCK

Roger Williams  
Secretary of State