



1 will be put in a pool. As one of those patients receives a  
2 transplant, the patient will be replaced in the pool, in turn, by  
3 the next longest waiting patient. Only accumulated waiting time  
4 will be used to establish priority access to the pool.

5 (c) With the exception of assigning points for a six antigen  
6 match with zero antigen mismatch, assigning points for human  
7 leukocyte antigen (HLA) match will be eliminated by organ  
8 procurement organizations that are participating in the pool  
9 established under Subsection (a).

10 (d) After a patient has qualified for entry into the pool  
11 established under Subsection (b), the order of distribution is  
12 based solely on the length of time each patient has waited.

13 (e) Use of the pools will be managed by the federal Organ  
14 Procurement and Transplantation Network.

15 (f) A panel of appropriate physician specialists of Texas'  
16 Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network members will monitor  
17 the listing of patients and the appropriate use of the pools.

18 SECTION 2. Organ procurement organizations that have a  
19 defined service area that includes all or part of this state and  
20 that are members of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation  
21 Network, and transplant centers in this state that are members of  
22 the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, shall submit to  
23 the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network a kidney sharing  
24 agreement not later than the 180th day after the effective date of  
25 this Act.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Caddell

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1226 passed the Senate on  
May 6, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1226 passed the House on  
May 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 117, Nays 0, two  
present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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