CHAPTER 535
S.B. No. 1478
AN ACT relating to the authority of hospital districts to lease undeveloped real property.

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

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

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

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may, with the approval of the commissioners court, lease undeveloped real property for not more than 50 years to provide for the development and construction of facilities designed to generate revenue for the financial benefit of the district. The board, directly or through a nonprofit corporation, may contract or enter into a joint venture with a public or private entity as necessary to enter into a lease under this subsection.

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

Passed the Senate on April 16, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 140, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 536
S.B. No. 1483
AN ACT relating to the creation of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 76; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8332 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8332. GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 76

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8332.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) “Board” means the district’s board of directors.