

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Lubbock County Hospital District owns and operates a hospital that is a teaching facility for Texas Tech Medical School, and which also operates as a charity hospital offering indigent care. H.B. 962 would provide that before this facility can be sold or leased to another party a vote of the people in the district will be required.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 962 requires voter approval for the lease or sale of a certain facility owned and operated by the Lubbock County Hospital District.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 10, Chapter 484, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 484, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, by adding Section 10A, as follows:

A. Sec. 10A. SALE OR LEASE OF CERTAIN FACILITY; ELECTION. Authorizes the board of managers of the Lubbock County Hospital district (board), with approval from the commissioners court, to order the lease or sale of a facility owned and operated by the Lubbock County Hospital District (district) as a teaching hospital that is located on the campus of Texas Tech University, contingent on voter approval. Requires the resolution to include a finding by the board that the lease or sale is in the best interest of the community. Requires the Commissioners Court of lubbock County to order an election on the question of leasing or selling the facility. Requires an election to be held on a specific election date. Sets forth requirements for the ballot. Authorizes the board to lease or sell the facility only upon approval in the election. Prohibits an election from being held, upon an election that results in denial, before the first anniversary of the most recent election on the proposition.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.