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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the creation of the Mineola Area Medical District;
3	granting the authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the
4	power of eminent domain.
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
6	SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Special District Local Laws
7	Code, is amended by adding Chapter 1120 to read as follows:
8	CHAPTER 1120. MINEOLA AREA MEDICAL DISTRICT
9	SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
10	Sec. 1120.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
11	(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the
12	district.
13	(2) "Director" means a member of the board.
14	(3) "District" means the Mineola Area Medical
15	<u>District.</u>
16	Sec. 1120.002. DISTRICT AUTHORIZATION. The Mineola Area
17	Medical District may be created and, if created, operates and is
18	financed as a hospital district as provided by Section 9, Article
19	IX, Texas Constitution, and by this chapter.
20	Sec. 1120.003. ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION. The district is
21	a public entity performing an essential public function.
22	Sec. 1120.004. DISTRICT TERRITORY. The boundaries of the
23	district are coextensive with the boundaries of the Mineola

Independent School District.

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- 1 Sec. 1120.005. DISTRICT SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE NOT STATE
- 2 OBLIGATION. The state may not be obligated for the support or
- 3 <u>maintenance of the district.</u>
- 4 Sec. 1120.006. RESTRICTION ON STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.
- 5 The legislature may not make a direct appropriation for the
- 6 construction, maintenance, or improvement of a district facility.
- 7 <u>SUBCHAPTER A-1. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS</u>
- 8 Sec. 1120.021. CREATION ELECTION; ORDERING ELECTION. (a)
- 9 The district may be created and a tax may be authorized only if the
- 10 creation and the tax are approved by a majority of the registered
- 11 voters of the territory of the proposed district voting at an
- 12 election called and held for that purpose.
- 13 (b) The Wood County Commissioners Court shall order an
- 14 election for the registered voters of the territory of the proposed
- 15 <u>district on the question of creation of the Mineola Area Medical</u>
- 16 District if the commissioners court receives a petition requesting
- 17 an election that is signed by at least 50 registered voters who are
- 18 residents of the territory of the proposed district.
- 19 (c) The order calling an election under this section must
- 20 state:
- 21 (1) the nature of the election, including the
- 22 proposition that is to appear on the ballot;
- 23 (2) the date of the election;
- 24 (3) the hours during which the polls will be open; and
- 25 (4) the location of the polling places.
- 26 (d) Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to an
- 27 election ordered under this section.

- 1 (e) The Wood County Commissioners Court shall give notice of
- 2 an election under this section by publishing a substantial copy of
- 3 the election order in a newspaper with general circulation in Wood
- 4 County once a week for two consecutive weeks. The first publication
- 5 must appear not later than the 30th day before the date set for the
- 6 election.
- 7 (f) The ballot for an election under this section must be
- 8 printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The
- 9 creation of the Mineola Area Medical District, providing for the
- 10 imposition of an ad valorem tax at a rate not to exceed 75 cents on
- 11 each \$100 valuation on all taxable property in the district."
- 12 (g) The Wood County Commissioners Court shall find that the
- 13 Mineola Area Medical District is created if a majority of the voters
- 14 voting in the election held under this section favor the creation of
- 15 the district.
- Sec. 1120.022. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) If the creation of
- 17 the district is approved at the election held under Section
- 18 1120.021, the Wood County Commissioners Court shall appoint nine
- 19 temporary directors to represent the district at large.
- 20 (b) Temporary directors serve until the date of the next
- 21 regular election of directors that occurs after the date of the
- 22 election held under Section 1120.021 and that allows sufficient
- 23 <u>time to comply with other requirements of law.</u>
- (c) A vacancy on the temporary board of directors shall be
- 25 <u>filled by appointment by the Wood County Commissioners Court.</u>
- 26 (d) A person must be a qualified voter of the district to
- 27 serve as a temporary director.

- 1 (e) An employee of the district may not serve as a temporary
- 2 director.
- 3 Sec. 1120.023. TEMPORARY OFFICERS. (a) The temporary
- 4 board shall elect a president and a vice president from among the
- 5 temporary directors.
- 6 (b) The temporary board shall appoint a secretary, who need
- 7 <u>not be a temporary director.</u>
- 8 (c) The temporary board shall fill a vacancy in a board
- 9 office for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 10 SUBCHAPTER B. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
- Sec. 1120.051. BOARD ELECTION; TERM. (a) The board
- 12 consists of nine directors elected at large.
- 13 (b) An election shall be held each year on an authorized
- 14 uniform election date to elect the appropriate number of directors.
- 15 <u>(c) Directors serve staggered two-year terms.</u>
- Sec. 1120.052. NOTICE. Notice of the directors' election
- 17 shall be published at least once in a newspaper with general
- 18 circulation in the district in accordance with Section 4.003(a),
- 19 Election Code.
- Sec. 1120.053. QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE. (a) To be
- 21 eligible to hold office on the board, a person must be:
- 22 (1) a resident of the district; and
- 23 <u>(2) a qualified voter.</u>
- 24 (b) An administrator or an employee of the district may not
- 25 serve as a director.
- Sec. 1120.054. DIRECTOR'S BOND. (a) Before assuming the
- 27 duties of office, each director must execute a bond in the amount of

- 1 \$5,000 payable to the district and conditioned on the faithful
- 2 performance of the director's duties.
- 3 (b) The bond shall be kept in the permanent records of the
- 4 district.
- 5 (c) The board may pay for a director's bond with district
- 6 money.
- 7 Sec. 1120.055. BOARD VACANCY. If a vacancy occurs in the
- 8 office of director, the remaining directors shall appoint a
- 9 director for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- Sec. 1120.056. OFFICERS. (a) The board shall elect a
- 11 president and a vice president from among the directors.
- 12 (b) The board shall appoint a secretary, who need not be a
- 13 director.
- 14 (c) Each officer of the board serves a one-year term.
- 15 (d) The board shall fill a vacancy in a board office for the
- 16 remainder of the unexpired term.
- 17 Sec. 1120.057. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT. A director or
- 18 officer serves without compensation but may be reimbursed for
- 19 actual expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.
- 20 The expenses must be:
- 21 (1) reported in the district's records; and
- 22 (2) approved by the board.
- Sec. 1120.058. VOTING REQUIREMENT. A concurrence of a
- 24 majority of the directors voting is necessary in matters relating
- 25 to district business.
- Sec. 1120.059. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR; ADMINISTRATOR'S
- 27 BOND. (a) The board may appoint a qualified person as district

- 1 <u>administrator</u>.
- 2 (b) The district administrator serves at the will of the
- 3 board.
- 4 (c) The district administrator is entitled to compensation
- 5 determined by the board.
- 6 (d) Before assuming the duties of district administrator,
- 7 the administrator must execute a bond payable to the district in an
- 8 amount not less than \$5,000, as determined by the board,
- 9 conditioned on the faithful performance of the administrator's
- 10 duties.
- 11 (e) The board may pay for the bond with district money.
- 12 Sec. 1120.060. GENERAL DUTIES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.
- 13 Subject to the limitations prescribed by the board, the district
- 14 administrator shall:
- 15 (1) supervise the work and activities of the district;
- 16 and
- 17 (2) direct the general affairs of the district.
- 18 Sec. 1120.061. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR; ATTORNEY.
- 19 (a) The board may appoint qualified persons as assistant district
- 20 administrator and attorney for the district.
- 21 (b) The assistant district administrator and attorney for
- 22 <u>the district serve at the will of the board.</u>
- 23 <u>(c) The assistant district administrator and attorney for</u>
- 24 the district are entitled to compensation determined by the board.
- Sec. 1120.062. EMPLOYEES. (a) The district may employ
- 26 nurses, technicians, fiscal agents, accountants, architects,
- 27 additional attorneys, and other necessary employees.

- 1 (b) The board may delegate to the district administrator the
- 2 authority to employ persons for the district.
- 3 Sec. 1120.063. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF MEDICAL STAFF.
- 4 The board may:
- 5 (1) appoint to the medical staff any doctor the board
- 6 considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district;
- 7 (2) remove any doctor from the medical staff, after
- 8 due process, if the board considers the doctor's removal necessary
- 9 for the efficient operation of the district; and
- 10 (3) make temporary appointments to the medical staff
- 11 as the board considers necessary.
- 12 Sec. 1120.064. RETIREMENT BENEFITS. The board may provide
- 13 retirement benefits for district employees by:
- 14 (1) establishing or administering a retirement
- 15 program; or
- 16 <u>(2) participating in:</u>
- 17 (A) the Texas County and District Retirement
- 18 System; or
- 19 (B) another statewide retirement system in which
- 20 the district is eligible to participate.
- SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES
- Sec. 1120.101. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY. The district has
- 23 full responsibility for operating hospital facilities and
- 24 providing medical and hospital care for the district's needy
- 25 residents.
- Sec. 1120.102. MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, AND ADMINISTRATION.
- 27 The board shall manage, control, and administer the hospital system

- 1 and the money and resources of the district.
- Sec. 1120.103. RULES. The board may adopt rules governing:
- 3 (1) the operation of the hospital and hospital system;
- 4 and
- 5 (2) the duties, functions, and responsibilities of
- 6 district staff and employees.
- 7 Sec. 1120.104. PURCHASING AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES. The
- 8 board may prescribe:
- 9 (1) the method of making purchases and expenditures by
- 10 <u>and for</u> the district; and
- 11 (2) accounting and control procedures for the
- 12 district.
- Sec. 1120.105. PROVISION OF CERTAIN HEALTH SERVICES. (a)
- 14 The district may operate or provide for the operation of a mobile
- 15 emergency medical service.
- 16 (b) The district may operate or provide for home health
- 17 services, long-term care, skilled nursing care, intermediate
- 18 nursing care, or hospice care.
- 19 Sec. 1120.106. DISTRICT PROPERTY, FACILITIES, AND
- 20 EQUIPMENT. (a) The board shall determine:
- 21 (1) the type, number, and location of buildings
- 22 required to maintain an adequate hospital system; and
- 23 (2) the type of equipment necessary for hospital care.
- 24 (b) The board may:
- (1) acquire property, facilities, and equipment for
- 26 the district for use in the hospital system;
- 27 (2) mortgage or pledge the property, facilities, or

- 1 equipment as security for payment of the purchase price;
- 2 (3) sell or otherwise dispose of property, facilities,
- 3 or equipment for the district; or
- 4 (4) lease hospital facilities for the district.
- 5 Sec. 1120.107. OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS. The
- 6 board may enter into operating or management contracts relating to
- 7 <u>hospital facilities for the district.</u>
- 8 Sec. 1120.108. SERVICE CONTRACTS. (a) The board may
- 9 contract with a public or private hospital, a political subdivision
- 10 of the state, or a state or federal agency for the district to
- 11 provide a mobile emergency medical service or other health care
- 12 services needed to provide for the investigatory or welfare needs
- 13 of residents of the district.
- 14 (b) The board may contract with a person to receive or
- 15 supply the services the board considers necessary for the effective
- 16 operation of the district.
- 17 Sec. 1120.109. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may
- 18 exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire a fee simple or
- 19 other interest in property located in district territory if the
- 20 interest is necessary for the district to exercise the rights or
- 21 <u>authority conferred by this chapter.</u>
- (b) The district must exercise the power of eminent domain
- 23 in the manner provided by Chapter 21, Property Code, except that the
- 24 district is not required to deposit with the trial court money or a
- 25 bond as provided by Section 21.021(a), Property Code.
- 26 (c) In a condemnation proceeding brought by the district,
- 27 the d<u>istrict is not required to:</u>

- 1 (1) pay in advance or provide bond or other security
- 2 for costs in the trial court;
- 3 (2) provide bond for the issuance of a temporary
- 4 restraining order or a temporary injunction; or
- 5 (3) provide a bond for costs or a supersedeas bond on
- 6 an appeal or petition for review.
- 7 Sec. 1120.110. COST OF RELOCATING OR ALTERING PROPERTY. In
- 8 exercising the power of eminent domain, if the board requires
- 9 relocating, raising, lowering, rerouting, changing the grade, or
- 10 altering the construction of any railroad, highway, pipeline, or
- 11 electric transmission and electric distribution, telegraph, or
- 12 telephone line, conduit, pole, or facility, the district shall pay
- 13 the actual cost of that activity to provide a comparable
- 14 replacement, without enhancement of facilities, after deducting
- 15 the net salvage value derived from the old facility.
- Sec. 1120.111. GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS. The board may accept
- 17 for the district a gift or endowment to be held in trust for any
- 18 purpose and under any direction, limitation, or provision in
- 19 writing by the donor that is consistent with the proper management
- 20 of the district.
- 21 Sec. 1120.112. PAYMENT FOR TREATMENT; PROCEDURES. (a)
- 22 When a person who resides in the district is admitted as a patient
- 23 to a district facility, the district administrator may have an
- 24 inquiry made into the financial circumstances of:
- 25 (1) the patient; and
- 26 (2) a relative of the patient who is legally
- 27 responsible for the patient's support.

- 1 (b) To the extent that the patient or a relative of the
- 2 patient who is legally responsible for the patient's support cannot
- 3 pay for care and treatment provided by the district, the district
- 4 shall supply the care and treatment without charging the patient or
- 5 the patient's relative.
- 6 (c) On determining that the patient or a relative legally
- 7 responsible for the patient's support can pay for all or part of the
- 8 care and treatment provided by the district, the district
- 9 administrator shall report that determination to the board, and the
- 10 board shall issue an order directing the patient or the relative to
- 11 pay the district a specified amount each week. The amount must be
- 12 based on the person's ability to pay.
- 13 (d) The district administrator may collect money owed to the
- 14 district from the patient's estate or from that of a relative
- 15 legally responsible for the patient's support in the manner
- 16 provided by law for the collection of expenses in the last illness
- 17 of a deceased person.
- 18 (e) If there is a dispute relating to a person's ability to
- 19 pay or if the district administrator has any doubt concerning a
- 20 person's ability to pay, the board shall call witnesses, hear and
- 21 resolve the question, and issue a final order. The order may be
- 22 appealed to a district court in any county in which the district is
- 23 <u>located</u>. The substantial evidence rule applies to an appeal under
- 24 this subsection.
- Sec. 1120.113. REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES. (a) The board
- 26 shall require a county, municipality, or public hospital located
- 27 outside of the district to reimburse the district for the

- 1 district's care and treatment of a sick or injured person of that
- 2 county, municipality, or hospital, as provided by Chapter 61,
- 3 Health and Safety Code.
- 4 (b) The board shall require the sheriff of Wood County to
- 5 reimburse the district for the district's care and treatment of a
- 6 person who is confined in a jail facility of Wood County and is not a
- 7 resident of the <u>district</u>.
- 8 (c) On behalf of the district, the board may contract with
- 9 the state or federal government for that government to reimburse
- 10 the district for treatment of a sick or injured person.
- Sec. 1120.114. AUTHORITY TO SUE AND BE SUED. The board may
- 12 sue and be sued on behalf of the district.
- 13 Sec. 1120.115. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; ADVERTISING FOR
- 14 CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. (a) The board may enter into a
- 15 <u>construction contract on the district's behalf.</u>
- 16 (b) The board may enter into a construction contract only
- 17 after competitive bidding as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 271,
- 18 Local Government Code, if the amount of the contract is greater than
- 19 the amount provided by Section 271.024 of that code.
- 20 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
- 21 Sec. 1120.151. BUDGET. (a) The district administrator
- 22 shall prepare a proposed annual budget for the district.
- 23 (b) The proposed budget must contain a complete financial
- 24 statement, including a statement of:
- 25 (1) the outstanding obligations of the district;
- 26 (2) the amount of cash on hand to the credit of each
- 27 fund of the district;

- 1 (3) the amount of money received by the district from
- 2 all sources during the previous year;
- 3 (4) the amount of money available to the district from
- 4 all sources during the ensuing year;
- 5 (5) the amount of the balances expected at the end of
- 6 the year in which the budget is being prepared;
- 7 (6) the estimated amount of revenues and balances
- 8 available to cover the proposed budget; and
- 9 (7) the estimated tax rate required.
- Sec. 1120.152. NOTICE; HEARING; ADOPTION OF BUDGET. (a)
- 11 The board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget.
- 12 (b) The board shall publish notice of the hearing in a
- 13 newspaper with general circulation in the district not later than
- 14 the 10th day before the date of the hearing.
- 15 <u>(c) Any district resident is entitled to be present and</u>
- 16 participate at the hearing.
- 17 (d) At the conclusion of the hearing, the board shall adopt
- 18 a budget by acting on the budget proposed by the district
- 19 administrator. The board may make a change in the proposed budget
- 20 that the board determines to be in the interests of the taxpayers.
- 21 (e) The budget is effective only after adoption by the
- 22 board.
- Sec. 1120.153. AMENDMENT OF BUDGET. After the budget is
- 24 adopted, the budget may be amended on the board's approval.
- Sec. 1120.154. FISCAL YEAR. (a) The district operates
- 26 according to a fiscal year established by the board.
- 27 (b) The fiscal year may not be changed:

- 1 (1) during a period in which revenue bonds of the
- 2 district are outstanding; or
- 3 (2) more than once in a 24-month period.
- 4 Sec. 1120.155. ANNUAL AUDIT. The board shall have an annual
- 5 audit made of the financial condition of the district.
- 6 Sec. 1120.156. INSPECTION OF ANNUAL AUDIT AND DISTRICT
- 7 RECORDS. The annual audit and other district records are open to
- 8 inspection during regular business hours at the principal office of
- 9 the district.
- Sec. 1120.157. FINANCIAL REPORT. As soon as practicable
- 11 after the close of each fiscal year, the district administrator
- 12 shall prepare for the board a sworn statement of the amount of
- 13 district money and an account of the disbursement of that money.
- 14 Sec. 1120.158. DEBT LIMITATION. Except as provided by this
- 15 chapter and Chapter 1207, Government Code, the district may not
- 16 incur a debt payable from district revenue other than revenue
- 17 available in the current fiscal year and the immediately following
- 18 fiscal year of the district.
- 19 Sec. 1120.159. DEPOSITORY. (a) The board shall select at
- 20 least one bank to serve as a depository for district money.
- 21 (b) The board may solicit bids from local financial
- 22 <u>institutions to determine which institution may serve as a</u>
- 23 <u>depository for district money.</u>
- (c) District money, other than money invested as provided by
- 25 Section 1120.160 and money transmitted to a bank for payment of
- 26 bonds or obligations issued or assumed by the district, shall be
- 27 deposited as received with the depository bank and shall remain on

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- 1 deposit. This subsection does not limit the board's power to place
- 2 part of the district's money on time deposit or to purchase
- 3 certificates of deposit.
- 4 Sec. 1120.160. RESTRICTION ON INVESTMENT. The board may
- 5 invest operating, depreciation, or building reserves only in funds
- 6 or securities specified by Chapter 2256, Government Code.
- 7 <u>SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS</u>
- 8 Sec. 1120.201. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. If authorized by
- 9 an election, the board may issue and sell general obligation bonds
- 10 in the name and on the faith and credit of the district to:
- 11 (1) purchase, construct, acquire, repair, or renovate
- 12 buildings or improvements;
- (2) equip buildings or improvements for hospital
- 14 purposes; or
- 15 (3) acquire and operate a mobile emergency medical
- 16 <u>service.</u>
- 17 Sec. 1120.202. TAX TO PAY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. (a) At
- 18 the time general obligation bonds are issued by the district under
- 19 Section 1120.201, the board shall impose an ad valorem tax in an
- 20 amount sufficient to create an interest and sinking fund to pay the
- 21 principal of and interest on the bonds as the bonds mature.
- (b) The tax required by this section together with any other
- 23 tax the district imposes in any year may not exceed the limit
- 24 approved by the voters at the election authorizing the imposition
- 25 of taxes.
- Sec. 1120.203. GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION. (a) The
- 27 district may issue general obligation bonds only if the bonds are

- 1 authorized by a majority of the voters voting in an election held
- 2 for that purpose.
- 3 (b) The board may order a bond election. The order calling
- 4 the election must specify:
- 5 (1) the nature and date of the election;
- 6 (2) the hours during which the polls will be open;
- 7 (3) the location of polling places;
- 8 (4) the amounts of the bonds to be authorized; and
- 9 (5) the maximum maturity of the bonds.
- 10 (c) Notice of a bond election must be given as provided by
- 11 Chapter 1251, Government Code.
- 12 (d) The board shall declare the results of the election.
- Sec. 1120.204. REVENUE BONDS. (a) The board may issue
- 14 revenue bonds to:
- (1) acquire, purchase, construct, repair, renovate,
- 16 or equip buildings or improvements for hospital purposes;
- 17 (2) acquire sites to be used for hospital purposes; or
- 18 (3) acquire and operate a mobile emergency medical
- 19 service to assist the district in carrying out its hospital
- 20 purposes.
- 21 (b) The bonds must be payable from and secured by a pledge of
- 22 <u>all or part of the revenues derived from the operation of the</u>
- 23 <u>district's hospital system.</u>
- (c) The bonds may be additionally secured by a mortgage or
- 25 deed of trust lien on all or part of the district property.
- 26 (d) The bonds must be issued in the manner provided by
- 27 Sections 264.042, 264.043, 264.046, 264.047, 264.048, and 264.049,

- 1 Health and Safety Code, for issuance of revenue bonds by county
- 2 hospital authorities.
- 3 Sec. 1120.205. MATURITY. District bonds must mature not
- 4 later than 40 years after the date of their issuance.
- 5 Sec. 1120.206. EXECUTION OF BONDS. (a) The board president
- 6 shall execute district bonds in the district's name.
- 7 (b) The board secretary shall countersign the bonds in the
- 8 manner provided by Chapter 618, Government Code.
- 9 Sec. 1120.207. BONDS NOT SUBJECT TO TAXATION. The
- 10 following are not subject to taxation by the state or by a political
- 11 subdivision of the state:
- 12 (1) bonds issued by the district;
- 13 (2) any transaction relating to the bonds; and
- 14 (3) profits made in the sale of the bonds.
- 15 SUBCHAPTER F. AD VALOREM TAX
- Sec. 1120.251. IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM TAX. (a) The board
- 17 shall impose a tax on all property in the district subject to
- 18 hospital district taxation.
- 19 (b) The tax may be used to pay:
- 20 (1) indebtedness issued or assumed by the district;
- 21 and
- 22 (2) the maintenance and operating expenses of the
- 23 <u>district.</u>
- 24 (c) The district may not impose a tax to pay the principal of
- 25 or interest on revenue bonds issued under this chapter.
- Sec. 1120.252. TAX RATE. (a) The tax rate on all taxable
- 27 property in the district for all purposes may not exceed 75 cents on

- 1 each \$100 valuation of the property according to the most recent
- 2 certified tax appraisal roll of the district.
- 3 (b) In setting the tax rate, the board shall consider
- 4 district income from sources other than taxation.
- 5 Sec. 1120.253. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. The board may
- 6 provide for the appointment of a tax assessor-collector for the
- 7 district or may contract for the assessment and collection of taxes
- 8 as provided by the Tax Code.
- 9 SUBCHAPTER G. DISSOLUTION
- Sec. 1120.301. DISSOLUTION; ELECTION. (a) The district
- 11 may be dissolved only on approval of a majority of the voters voting
- 12 in an election held for that purpose.
- 13 (b) The board may order an election on the question of
- 14 dissolving the district and disposing of the district's assets and
- 15 obligations.
- 16 (c) The board shall order an election if the board receives
- 17 a petition requesting an election that is signed by at least 15
- 18 percent of the district's registered voters.
- 19 (d) The order calling the election must state:
- 20 (1) the nature of the election, including the
- 21 proposition that is to appear on the ballot;
- 22 (2) the date of the election;
- 23 (3) the hours during which the polls will be open; and
- 24 (4) the location of the polling places.
- (e) Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to an
- 26 election ordered under this section.
- Sec. 1120.302. NOTICE OF ELECTION. (a) The board shall

- 1 give notice of an election under this subchapter by publishing a
- 2 substantial copy of the election order in a newspaper with general
- 3 circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks.
- 4 (b) The first publication must appear not later than the
- 5 30th day before the date set for the election.
- 6 Sec. 1120.303. BALLOT. The ballot for an election under
- 7 this subchapter must be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 8 proposition: "The dissolution of the Mineola Area Medical
- 9 District."
- Sec. 1120.304. ELECTION RESULTS. (a) If a majority of the
- 11 votes in an election under this subchapter favor dissolution, the
- 12 board shall order that the district be dissolved.
- 13 (b) If a majority of the votes in an election under this
- 14 subchapter do not favor dissolution, the board shall continue to
- 15 administer the district, and another election on the question of
- 16 <u>dissolution may not be held before the first anniversary of the date</u>
- 17 of the most recent election to dissolve the district.
- 18 Sec. 1120.305. TRANSFER OR ADMINISTRATION OF ASSETS. (a)
- 19 If a majority of the votes in an election under this subchapter
- 20 favor dissolution, the board shall:
- 21 (1) transfer the land, buildings, improvements,
- 22 equipment, and other assets belonging to the district to Wood
- 23 County or another governmental entity in Wood County; or
- 24 (2) administer the property, assets, and debts of the
- 25 district until all money has been disposed of and all district debts
- 26 have been paid or settled.
- (b) If the board makes the transfer under Subsection (a)(1),

- 1 the county or entity assumes all debts and obligations of the
- 2 district at the time of the transfer and the district is dissolved.
- 3 (c) If Subsection (a)(1) does not apply and the board
- 4 administers the property, assets, and debts of the district under
- 5 Subsection (a)(2), the district is dissolved when all money has
- 6 been disposed of and all district debts have been paid or settled.
- 7 Sec. 1120.306. IMPOSITION OF TAX AND RETURN OF SURPLUS
- 8 TAXES. (a) After the board determines that the district is
- 9 dissolved, the board shall:
- 10 (1) determine the debt owed by the district; and
- 11 (2) impose on the property included in the district's
- 12 tax rolls a tax that is in proportion of the debt to the property
- 13 value.
- 14 (b) On the payment of all outstanding debts and obligations
- of the district, the board shall order the secretary to return to
- 16 <u>each district taxpayer the taxpayer's pro rata share of all unused</u>
- 17 tax money.
- 18 (c) A taxpayer may request that the taxpayer's share of
- 19 surplus tax money be credited to the taxpayer's county taxes. If a
- 20 taxpayer requests the credit, the board shall direct the secretary
- 21 to transmit the funds to the tax assessor-collector for the county
- 22 <u>in which the taxpayer resides.</u>
- Sec. 1120.307. REPORT; DISSOLUTION ORDER. (a) After the
- 24 district has paid all its debts and has disposed of all its money
- 25 and other assets as prescribed by this subchapter, the board shall
- 26 file a written report with the Wood County Commissioners Court
- 27 summarizing the board's actions in dissolving the district.

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- 1 (b) Not later than the 10th day after the date the Wood
- 2 County Commissioners Court receives the report and determines that
- 3 the requirements of this subchapter have been fulfilled, the
- 4 commissioners court shall enter an order dissolving the district
- 5 and releasing the board from any further duty or obligation.
- 6 SECTION 2. (a) The members of the board of directors of the
- 7 Mineola Area Medical District elected at the first election held
- 8 under Section 1120.051, Special District Local Laws Code, as added
- 9 by this Act, shall draw lots to determine which five directors serve
- 10 a two-year term and which four directors serve a one-year term.
- 11 (b) Successor directors shall serve two-year terms.
- 12 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
- 13 section, this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of
- 14 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by
- 15 Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 16 (b) If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
- 17 immediate effect:
- 18 (1) this Act takes effect September 1, 2015; and
- 19 (2) Section 1120.109, Special District Local Laws
- 20 Code, as added by this Act, has no effect.