

## AN ACT

relating to calling an election to dissolve the Montgomery County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 23B(a) and (d), Chapter 258, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of directors shall order an election on the question of dissolving the district and disposing of the district's assets and obligations if the board of directors receives a petition requesting an election that is signed by a number of residents of the district equal to at least 15 percent of the total vote received by all candidates for governor in the most recent gubernatorial general election [~~registered voters~~] in the district that occurs more than 30 days before the date the petition is submitted to the board. If a petition submitted under this subsection does not contain the necessary number of valid signatures, a petition submitted under this subsection before the third anniversary of the date the invalid petition was submitted has no effect.

(d) If a majority of the votes in the election favor dissolution, the board of directors shall find that the district is dissolved. If less than a majority of the votes in the election [~~de~~ ~~not~~] favor dissolution, the board of directors shall continue to

1 administer the district and another election on the question of  
2 dissolution may not be held before the third [~~fourth~~] anniversary  
3 of the most recent election to dissolve the district.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2004, and  
5 applies only to a petition requesting the dissolution of the  
6 district filed on or after that date.

Raid Swihart

President of the Senate

Jim Cusick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1251 was passed by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1251 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patricia Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 JUN '03

Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
10:30 PM O'CLOCK

Ann Shea  
Secretary of State