

1-1 By: Zerwas (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2559
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2015;
 1-3 April 30, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 11, 2015, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to leases and other agreements relating to real property
 1-18 entered into by certain hospital districts.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 281.050(b), Health and Safety Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may, with the
 1-23 approval of the commissioners court, enter into a lease, including
 1-24 a lease with an option to purchase, an installment purchase
 1-25 agreement, an installment sale agreement, or any other type of
 1-26 agreement that relates to real property considered appropriate by
 1-27 the board [~~undeveloped real property for not more than 50 years~~] to
 1-28 provide for the development, improvement, acquisition, or
 1-29 management of developed or undeveloped real property [~~and~~
 1-30 construction of facilities] designed to generate revenue for the
 1-31 financial benefit of the district. The board, directly or through a
 1-32 nonprofit corporation, may contract or enter into a joint venture
 1-33 with a public or private entity as necessary to enter into an an
 1-34 agreement [~~a lease~~] under this subsection.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 281.0511, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-36 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-37 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may, with the
 1-38 approval of the commissioners court at a meeting subject to Chapter
 1-39 551, Government Code, lease undeveloped or vacant real property for
 1-40 not more than 99 years to provide for the development and
 1-41 construction of facilities designed to generate revenue for the
 1-42 financial benefit of the district. The board, directly or through
 1-43 a nonprofit corporation, may contract or enter into a joint venture
 1-44 with a public or private entity as necessary to enter into a lease
 1-45 under this subsection.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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