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H.B. No. 4088

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a hospital district governing board to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate certain issues.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.0727 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.0727. HOSPITAL DISTRICT: DELIBERATION REGARDING CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED; CLOSED MEETING. (a) The governing board of a hospital district created under general or special law may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated if, before conducting the closed meeting:

(1) the governing board votes unanimously that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governing board in negotiations with a third person; and

(2) the attorney advising the governing board issues a written determination that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governing board in negotiations with a third person.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 551.103(a), the governing board of a hospital district must make a recording of the proceedings of a closed meeting to deliberate the information.

SECTION 2. Section 551.085, Government Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2 (c) This chapter does not require the governing board of a  
3 hospital district created under general or special law to conduct  
4 an open meeting to deliberate information relating to a proposed  
5 expansion of an existing service or product line of the hospital  
6 district before publicly announcing the expansion.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.