
DIGEST

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HB No. 372

Abstract: Provides procedures for lease of hospitals owned by hospital service districts in Jefferson Parish.

Present law establishes the procedure for the sale of a hospital owned by a hospital service district in Jefferson Parish. Requires the governing authority of the hospital service district to submit a proposition to approve the sale of the hospital to the voters of the district. The sale of the hospital can only proceed if a majority of the voters of the district vote to approve the sale.

Present law (R.S. 33:4341) requires voter approval for the sale or lease of revenue-producing property by most local governments. Further provides that this requirement does not apply to the lease of a hospital owned by a hospital service district in Jefferson Parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of a district to approve such a lease by its own action. Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law establishes the procedure for the lease of hospitals owned by hospital service districts in Jefferson Parish. Provides that no lease shall be entered into unless all hospital facilities in Jefferson Parish will be leased to a single lessee. Further provides that, if any such hospital is leased, the governing authority shall select two potential lessees and call an election in which the electors of Jefferson Parish shall select the lessee. Requires the governing authority to enter a lease for all hospital facilities in the parish with the lessee selected by the electors of Jefferson Parish.

(Amends R.S. 46:1064.2(B); Adds R.S. 46:1064.2(C))