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HB No. 110

Abstract: Requires voter approval of the lease of hospitals in Jefferson Parish hospital service districts unless all are leased to a single lessee.

<u>Present law</u> 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 or lease. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the lease of a hospital is also subject to voter approval; however, provides that voter approval is not required if all of the hospital service district facilities in the parish are to be leased to a single lessee.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 33:4341) requires voter approval for the sale or lease of revenue-producing property by most local governments.

<u>Present law</u> provides that this requirement does not apply to the lease of a hospital by a hospital service district in Jefferson Parish. Specifically authorizes the governing authority of a district to approve such a lease by its own action. <u>Proposed law</u> deletes <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that R.S. 33:4341 is not applicable to the lease of hospitals in Jefferson Parish only if all of the facilities in Jefferson Parish are to be leased to a single lessee.

(Amends R.S. 46:1064.2)