

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 794
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DIGEST

Currently, certain hospitals, the federal government, the State of Texas and other hospital district are authorized to contract or cooperate with the board of hospital managers of the hospital district. Hospitals that are located outside the hospital's district boundary are excluded from this authority. This bill provides more flexibility in contracting between hospital districts.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 794 provides more flexibility in contracting between hospital districts.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 281.051, Health and Safety Code, to authorize the board of hospital managers of a hospital district (board) to contract or cooperate with another governmental entity, rather than a municipality, under certain conditions. Deletes another hospital district and a privately owned hospital located in the district from the provision authorizing the board to contract or cooperate with these entities. Deletes Subsection (b) which requires the commissioners court and the board to determine that a contract under Subsection (a) contains certain characteristics. Redesignates existing Subsection (c) as new Subsection (b). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.