

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, according to an interpretation made by the attorney general's office, hospital districts are not allowed to lease, manage, or operate any health care facility in an adjacent hospital district. H.B. 1666 allows the Nixon Hospital District to contract with Gonzales Healthcare Systems to lease, manage, or operate a health care facility. This bill also authorizes the Gonzales County Hospital District to contract with the Nixon Hospital District.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1666 authorizes the Nixon Hospital District to contract with Gonzales Healthcare Systems to lease, manage, or operate a health care facility, and authorizes the Gonzales County Hospital District to contract with the Nixon Hospital District.

### **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 3, Chapter 644, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, by adding Subsection (b), to authorize the Nixon Hospital District (Nixon district) to contract with Gonzales Healthcare Systems (GHS) for GHS to lease, manage, or operate a health care facility located in the Nixon district.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 10(a), Chapter 191, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975, to authorize the Gonzales County Hospital District (Gonzales district), through its board of directors, to contract with the Nixon district located in Gonzales and Wilson counties, Texas, for the Gonzales district to lease, manage, or operate a health care facility located in the Nixon district.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.