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AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
A COUNTY TO FORM A SPECIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING
PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF
TRUSTEE MEMBERS; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Special Hospital
District Act is enacted to read:

"SPECIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT--CREATION BY COUNTY
COMMISSION--BOARD OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT--ELECTION FOR
RETENTION OF TRUSTEE.--

A. A special hospital district may be created in a
single county for the purpose of constructing, acquiring,
operating or maintaining one or more public hospital
facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the county,
by vote of the majority of commissioners of that county.

B. If the majority of the county commissioners
creates a special hospital district pursuant to Subsection A
of this section, the county commission shall appoint a board
of trustees. One member of the board of trustees shall be
appointed from each county commission district of a county
with three or more districts, or three members shall be
appointed at large from a county with less than three county

1 commission districts.

2 C. The initial term of an appointed member shall
3 be two years or until the next general election, whichever
4 occurs first. Thereafter, all members shall be elected for
5 five-year terms. In a district created pursuant to
6 Subsection A of this section, only qualified electors who
7 reside in the territory of the single-member district shall
8 vote on the candidates for the member from that single-member
9 district.

10 D. Vacancies on the board of trustees created by a
11 member elected in a single-member district shall be filled by
12 the board of county commissioners of the county in which the
13 single-member district is located, and vacancies created by a
14 member elected at large shall be filled by the remaining
15 members of the board of trustees for the remainder of the
16 unexpired term of the member creating the vacancy.

17 E. The board of trustees of a special hospital
18 district created pursuant to Subsection A of this section
19 shall have the powers and duties set forth in the Special
20 Hospital District Act.

21 F. Members of the board of trustees shall be
22 suspended or removed from office only as provided in Chapter
23 10, Article 4 NMSA 1978 or as provided in Section 4-48A-7 NMSA
24 1978."
