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SENATE BILL 1155

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CONTINUE AN EXISTING SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX TO FUND THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITALS OR URGENT CARE CENTERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Hospital district election; dates; notice; mail ballot election

Notwithstanding section 16-204 and section 48-1907, subsection A, paragraph 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, a hospital district that is organized under title 48, chapter 13, Arizona Revised Statutes, and that has a population of less than twenty thousand persons may hold an election at any time on or before June 30, 2009 to authorize the continued imposition of an existing secondary property tax on all taxable property in the district for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of a hospital or urgent care center. Notwithstanding any other law, the election shall be by mail ballot pursuant to title 16, chapter 4, article 8.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, subject to the following:

1. The election may be held and the mail ballots counted on any Tuesday after the effective date of this act and on or before June 30, 2009.

2. The hospital district may call the election on not more than one hundred twenty and not less than thirty days' notice. Notice of the call for election is not required.

3. Notice of the election shall be by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the district at least once each week during the two calendar weeks preceding the week of the election.

4. The hospital district may hold a mail ballot election without obtaining approval of the board of supervisors of the county in which the hospital district is located.

Sec. 2. Emergency

This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 16, 2009.

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