

## House Bill No. 961

An act relating to the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board, Sarasota County; amending chapter 26468, Laws of Florida, 1949, as amended, to provide that candidates for hospital board seats shall be grouped by seat as provided in the Florida Election Code; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Whereas the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board has determined the election of its Board members will be conducted by the supervisor of elections as authorized by Section 189.405(2)(a), Subsection (3) of Section 1 of Chapter 26468, Laws of Florida, 1949, as amended by Chapter 86-373, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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(3) The membership of the hospital board shall consist of nine members, all of whom must be qualified electors of the Sarasota County Public Hospital District. Commencing with the election of 1988, two such members must reside in each of said hospital board districts. All members shall be elected in a partisan election by the qualified electors of the Sarasota County Public Hospital District. Two members who are residents of the southern district shall be elected to district seats in 1986 and every fourth year thereafter; two members who are residents of the northern district shall be elected to district seats in 1986 and every fourth year thereafter; one member who is a resident of the central district shall be elected to a district seat in 1986 and every fourth year thereafter; one member who is a resident of the central district shall be elected to a district seat in 1988 and every fourth year thereafter; and three members shall be elected to at-large seats in 1988 and every fourth year thereafter. Candidates for the six district seats and the three at-large seats shall ~~not~~ be numerically or otherwise grouped for a specific seat on primary or general election ballots, as provided in the Florida Election Code. ~~although~~ Candidates for district seats shall be placed in districts on primary and general election ballots. In any year in which hospital board district seats are to be filled, the hospital board district (northern, central, or southern) shall be printed on the ballot beneath the name of the office. The format of the ballot shall be in conformity with the Florida Election Code. ~~The names of candidates in the district shall be arranged thereunder, followed by printed words instructing the voters to vote for the number of candidates to be elected from such hospital board district in that year. In any year in which at-large seats are to be filled, the names of candidates for the at-large seats shall be printed on the ballot beneath the name of the office in a single group, which shall be followed by printed words instructing the voters to vote for the number of candidates to be elected to at-large seats in that year.~~ Four members, who were elected for 4-year terms in the election of November 1982, and one member who was elected for a 2-year term in the election of 1984, shall serve until the expiration of their terms of office; and five members shall be elected for 4-year

terms in 1986 and each fourth year thereafter. Four members, who were elected for 4-year terms in the election of November 1984, shall serve until the expiration of their terms of office; and four members shall be elected for 4-year terms in 1988 and each fourth year thereafter.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 22, 2000.

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