

## House Bill No. 585

An act relating to Martin County; amending sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of chapter 65-1906, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising authority of the Board of County Commissioners to levy a tax for indigent health care; revising the name of the fund into which the tax is paid; revising the uses of the fund; revising requirements relating to disbursements from the fund and unexpended balances in the fund; revising the name of the review board and the hospital board; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of chapter 65-1906, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 67-1712 and 78-558, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

Section 1. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners of Martin county is authorized and empowered directed to levy a tax of not less than one fourth (1/4) mill nor more than two (2) mills per annum on the assessed valuation of all taxable real and personal property in Martin the County for the purpose of providing funds for payment of health care services for hospitalization of indigent residents of Martin County as further set forth in section 2.

Section 2. The money derived from this tax shall be paid into the County Health Care hospitalization Fund which shall be used by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners only to pay for:

(1) Hospitalization, administrative costs and costs of doctors' services incidental to and included in the cost of hospital care, within Martin County for of indigent residents of Martin the County.

(2) Health care programs required by Florida Statutes to be funded by counties.

(3) Other health care programs based upon a level of service to be determined from time to time by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners.

All The excess remaining unexpended moneys in the County Health Care Fund at the end of each the budget year shall remain in the County Health Care Fund from year to year be paid into the general fund. Disbursements from the County Health Care Fund shall be by check ~~or warrant~~ of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners signed by its chairman upon the approval of a majority of its members.

Section 3. (1) There shall be created a five (5) member County Health Care Hospitalization Review Board to be comprised of:

- (a) Two (2) members of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners appointed by its chairman;
- (b) Two (2) members of the Martin Memorial Health Systems ~~hospital~~ Board appointed by the its chairman of such board;
- (c) One (1) member at large to be chosen by a majority of the four (4) members so appointed.

(2) The terms of office of members shall expire January 15 of each year.

Section 4. The County Health Care ~~hospitalization~~ Review Board shall recommend to the Martin County Board of County Commissioners those indigent individuals whose hospitalization and other costs as set forth in section 2(1) shall be paid from the County Health Care ~~hospitalization~~ Fund.

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

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2001.

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