

House Bill No. 921

An act relating to the Indian River County Hospital District, Indian River County; amending chapter 61-2275, Laws of Florida; authorizing the board of trustees of the district to hold regular meetings for the transaction of business; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 6 of chapter 61-2275, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 6. The board of trustees shall hold regular meetings ~~not more than one (1) meeting each month~~ for the transaction of business according to a schedule arranged by the board of trustees and shall convene in special sessions when called by the ~~chair~~ Chairman of the board or by a majority of the trustees of the board; ~~provided, that actions taken at special meetings shall have the same force and effect as if taken at a regular meeting, and;~~ provided, further, that no special meeting of said board shall be held until after a public announcement is given ~~48 forty-eight (48)~~ hours prior to a special meeting, unless it is determined that an emergency exists and that four (4) members of said board are present at the special meeting or have filed, with the presiding officer of said board, a written concurrence to the convening of such special meeting for the purposes set forth in the written concurrence. The required public announcement shall be deemed to have been made when all radio and television stations broadcasting from within the district and when all newspapers having their main offices for publication located within the district have been notified of the proposed special meeting.

All meetings, whether regular or special, of said board of trustees shall be open to the public, except that said board may meet in executive session for the discussion of or inquiry into matters relating to personnel, the medical staff, or patients of a hospital, clinic, or nursing home of the district, when, in the opinion of the trustees, the discussion of or inquiry into such matters in a public meeting would not serve the best interests of the personnel, medical staff, or patients involved, or the interests of the district.

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

Approved by the Governor May 6, 2002.

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