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## Chapter VIII - Health

### General Hospital District

#### Private Acts of 1996 Chapter 166

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 626 of the Private Acts of 1937; Chapter 190 of the Private Acts of 1961; Chapter 354 of the Private Acts of 1974; Chapter 169 of the Private Acts of 1979 and Chapter 58 of the Private Acts of 1989, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to hospital districts and related funds in Lauderdale County, are repealed.

**SECTION 2.** All moneys in the hospital maintenance fund of Lauderdale County and all proceeds from the sale of any property formerly in the custody of the Lauderdale County General Hospital District shall be transferred by the County Trustee to the county general fund of Lauderdale County, to be appropriated and used for such purposes as the County Legislative Body of Lauderdale County shall determine.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Body of Lauderdale County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county and certified to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 4.** For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 3.

Passed: April 4, 1996.

### Health - Historical Notes

The following summaries are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 626, created the Lauderdale County Special Hospital District in Lauderdale County, naming W. E. Harlaw, M. H. Durham, San Seigel, W. D. Barfield, S. S. Neighbors, R. H. Chishold, and Tom M. Scott as the first board of directors of the district. The board was given authority to issue up to \$200,000 in bonds, subject to local voter approval, and to levy a property tax of an unspecified amount for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds. In addition, a tax of 10¢ per \$100 of property valuation was authorized to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the hospital.
2. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 630, provided that since R. S. Jackson had practiced veterinary medicine for over 24 years in Lauderdale and neighboring counties and those counties needed veterinarians, Dr. Jackson was authorized to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in Lauderdale and neighboring counties and those state agencies responsible were directed to issue a license to him without examination upon payment of the license fee.
3. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 257, authorized Lauderdale County to acquire, operate and maintain a hospital; to issue up to \$300,000 in bonds for that purpose, subject to local voter approval, and to levy a tax of unspecified amount to pay the principal and interest on the bonds; and to levy a property tax of 10¢ per \$100 to be used for the operation and maintenance of the hospital.
4. Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 62 (reproduced herein), authorized a 10¢ property tax for the Lauderdale County Hospital authorized by Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 257.
5. Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 58, would have amended Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 190, to authorize the Lauderdale County Hospital Commission to operate a nursing home, and to sell the assets of the Lauderdale County Hospital District with the approval by 2/3 vote of the county legislative body. This act was not acted upon by the county legislative body, and therefore never went into effect.
6. Private Acts of 1996, Chapter 166, (reproduced herein), repealed Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 626, Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 190, Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 354, and Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 58, relative to hospital districts and related funds in Lauderdale County.

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