

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the South Broward Hospital District, Broward County; providing for codification of special laws regarding special districts pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, relating to South Broward Hospital District, a special tax district in Broward County; providing legislative intent; codifying, repealing, amending, and reenacting chapters 24415 (1947), 59-1125, 59-1126, 59-1128, 61-1925, 61-1932, 61-1935, 63-1180, 65-1296, 65-1339, 67-1164, 69-910, 70-618, 71-566, 71-577, 72-494, 74-436, 74-450, 75-346, 75-349, 76-337, 76-339, 79-431, 80-459, 80-466, 80-467, 80-469, 81-351, 82-269, 83-378, 84-400, 90-488, and 99-423, Laws of Florida; providing district boundaries; providing for a board of commissioners; providing powers, functions, and duties of the district and its board of commissioners; providing a district charter; providing for ratification of prior acts; providing for liberal construction; providing a saving clause in the event any provision of the act is deemed invalid; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to the South Broward Hospital District. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the district, including all current legislative authority granted to the

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30 district by its several legislative enactments and any  
 31 additional authority granted by this act. It is further the  
 32 intent to preserve all district authority, including the  
 33 authority to annually assess and levy ad valorem taxes against  
 34 all assessable property in the district.

35 Section 2. Chapters 24415 (1947), 59-1125, 59-1126, 59-  
 36 1128, 61-1925, 61-1932, 61-1935, 63-1180, 65-1296, 65-1339, 67-  
 37 1164, 69-910, 70-618, 71-566, 71-577, 72-494, 74-436, 74-450,  
 38 75-346, 75-349, 76-337, 76-339, 79-431, 80-459, 80-466, 80-467,  
 39 80-469, 81-351, 82-269, 83-378, 84-400, 90-488, and 99-423, Laws  
 40 of Florida, relating to the South Broward Hospital District, are  
 41 codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as herein provided.

42 Section 3. The South Broward Hospital District is re-  
 43 created, and the charter for the district is re-created and  
 44 reenacted to read:

45 Section 1. A special tax district is hereby created and  
 46 incorporated, to be known as "South Broward Hospital District"  
 47 in Broward County, which said district shall embrace and include  
 48 the following described property in Broward County, to-wit:

49  
 50 Begin at a point where the North boundary line of  
 51 Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 42 east  
 52 intersects the line of mean low tide of the Atlantic  
 53 Ocean; thence run westerly along the North boundary  
 54 line of Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 in Township  
 55 50 South, Range 42 East, and continue westerly along  
 56 the North boundary line of Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29  
 57 and 30 in Township 50 South, Range 41 East, to the  
 58 westerly boundary of Range 41 East, thence continue in

59 a southerly direction along the westerly boundary line  
 60 of said Section 30 to a point of intersection with the  
 61 North boundary line of Section 25, Township 50 South,  
 62 Range 40 East, extended easterly; thence westerly  
 63 along the North boundary line of said Section 25 to  
 64 the Northwest corner of said Section 25, Township 50  
 65 South, Range 40 East; thence in a southerly direction  
 66 along the West boundary line of Sections 25 and 36 of  
 67 Township 50 South, Range 40 East, and continue  
 68 southerly along the West boundary lines of Sections 1,  
 69 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, Township 51 South, Range 40  
 70 East, to the southwest corner of said Section 36;  
 71 thence easterly along the South boundary line of said  
 72 Section 36 to the southeast corner thereof; thence run  
 73 northerly along the East line of Section 36, Township  
 74 51 South, Range 40 East to a point where the south  
 75 boundary line of Section 30, Township 51 South, Range  
 76 41 East, intersects the east boundary line of said  
 77 Section 36, Township 51 South, Range 40 East; thence  
 78 run easterly along the south boundary line of Sections  
 79 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25 in Township 51 South, Range  
 80 41 East, and continue easterly along the south  
 81 boundary line of Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25 in  
 82 Township 51 South, Range 42 East, to a point where the  
 83 south boundary line of said Section 25, Township 51  
 84 South, Range 42 East; intersects the mean low tide of  
 85 the Atlantic Ocean; thence run northerly along said  
 86 mean low tide line of Atlantic Ocean to the point of  
 87 beginning expressly excepting from the foregoing

88 description all lands lying and being with the  
 89 corporate limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale,  
 90 Broward County, Florida, as the said limits exist on  
 91 the date of passage of this Act.

92  
 93 Section 2. The following described property in Broward  
 94 County is hereby annexed to the South Broward Hospital District,  
 95 and the district shall include said property, to wit:

96  
 97 Begin at the Northwest corner of Section 25, Township  
 98 50 South, Range 40 East; thence run Westerly along the  
 99 North boundary line of Sections 26 to 30, inclusive,  
 100 of Township 50 South, Range 40 East, and continue  
 101 Westerly along the North boundary line of Sections 25  
 102 to 30, inclusive, of Township 50 South, Range 39 East,  
 103 and continue Westerly along the North boundary line of  
 104 Sections 25 to 30, inclusive, of Township 50 South,  
 105 Range 38 East, and continue Westerly along the North  
 106 boundary line of Sections 25 to 30, inclusive, of  
 107 Township 50 South, Range 37 East, to the East boundary  
 108 line of Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 36 East;  
 109 thence run Northerly along said East boundary line of  
 110 said Section 25 to the Northeast corner of said  
 111 Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 36 East; thence  
 112 continue Westerly along the North boundary line of  
 113 Sections 25 to 30, inclusive, of Township 50 South,  
 114 Range 36 East, and continue Westerly along the North  
 115 boundary line of Sections 25 to 30, inclusive of  
 116 Township 50 South, Range 35 East, to the Western

117 boundary line of Broward County, Florida; thence run  
 118 Southerly along the said west boundary line of Broward  
 119 County, Florida to the Southwest corner of Broward  
 120 County, Florida; thence run Easterly along the South  
 121 boundary line of Broward County, Florida to the  
 122 Southwest corner of Section 36, Township 51 South,  
 123 Range 40 East; thence run North along the West  
 124 boundary line of Sections 36, 25, 24, 13, 12, and 1 of  
 125 Township 51 South, Range 40 East; continue Northerly  
 126 along the west boundary line of Sections 36 and 25 of  
 127 Township 50 South Range 40 East to the Northwest  
 128 corner of said Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 40  
 129 East, which is the point of the beginning.

130  
 131 Section 3. That said South Broward Hospital District shall  
 132 be composed of the following subdistricts:

133  
 134 (1) Sub-district No. 1 shall include the following  
 135 described property:

136  
 137 Beginning at the point where the north boundary line  
 138 of Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 42 East,  
 139 Broward County, Florida, intersects the mean low water  
 140 line of the Atlantic Ocean, run Westerly along the  
 141 north line of Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 in  
 142 Township 50 South, Range 42 East, and continue  
 143 Westerly along the north line of Sections 25, 26 and  
 144 27 in Township 50 South, Range 41 East to the  
 145 northwest corner of said Section 27; thence, Southerly

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146 along the west line of Sections 27 and 34 in Township  
 147 50 South, Range 41 East, and continue Southerly along  
 148 the west line of Section 3, Township 51 South, Range  
 149 42 East, to the southwest corner of said Section 3,  
 150 thence, Easterly along the south line of Sections 3, 2  
 151 and 1, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, and continue  
 152 Easterly along the south line of Sections 6, 5, 4, 3,  
 153 2 and 1 in Township 51 South, Range 42 East, to the  
 154 point of intersection with the mean low water line of  
 155 the Atlantic Ocean; thence, Northerly along said mean  
 156 low water line of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of  
 157 beginning; expressly excepting from the foregoing  
 158 description all lands, if any, lying and beginning  
 159 within the corporate limits of the City of Fort  
 160 Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, as the said  
 161 limits exist on the date of passage of this act.

162  
 163 (2) Subdistrict No. 2 shall include the following  
 164 described property:

165  
 166 Beginning at the point where the south boundary line  
 167 of Section 1, Township 51 South, Range 42 East,  
 168 Broward County, Florida, intersects the mean low water  
 169 line of the Atlantic Ocean, run Westerly along the  
 170 south line of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Township  
 171 51 South, Range 42 East, and continue Westerly along  
 172 the south line of Sections 1, 2 and 3 in Township 51  
 173 South, Range 41 East, to the southwest corner of said  
 174 Section 3; thence, Southerly along the west line of

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175 Sections 10, 15 and 22 in Township 51 South, Range 41  
 176 East, to the Quarter Corner on the west boundary of  
 177 said Section 22; thence, Easterly along the Quarter  
 178 Section line through Sections 22, 23 and 24 in  
 179 Township 51 South, Range 41 East, and continue  
 180 Easterly along the Quarter Section line through  
 181 Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Township 51  
 182 South, Range 42 East, to the point of intersection  
 183 with the mean low water line of the Atlantic Ocean;  
 184 thence, Northerly along said mean low water line of  
 185 the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning.

186  
 187 (3) Subdistrict No. 3 shall include the following  
 188 described property:

189  
 190 Beginning at the point where the East-West Quarter  
 191 Section line of Section 24, Township 51 South, Range  
 192 42 East, Broward County, Florida, intersects the mean  
 193 low water line of the Atlantic Ocean, run westerly  
 194 along the Quarter Section line through Sections 24,  
 195 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, Township 51 South, Range 42  
 196 East, and continue Westerly along the Quarter Section  
 197 line, Range 41 East, to the west boundary of said  
 198 Section 22; thence, Southerly along the west line of  
 199 Sections 22 and 27 in Township 51 South, Range 41  
 200 East, to the southwest corner of said Sections 27, 26  
 201 and 25 in Township 51 South, Range 41 East, and  
 202 continue Easterly along the south line of Sections 30,  
 203 29, 28, 27 and 26 in Township 51 South, Range 42 East,

204 to the point of intersection with the mean low water  
 205 line of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning.

206  
 207 (4) Subdistrict No. 4 shall include the following  
 208 described property:

209  
 210 Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 28,  
 211 Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County,  
 212 Florida, run Westerly along the north line of Sections  
 213 28, 29 and 30 in Township 50 South, Range 41, East, to  
 214 the west line of Range 41 East, thence, Southerly  
 215 along the west line of said Section 30 to a point of  
 216 intersection with the north line of Section 25,  
 217 Township 50 South, Range 40 East, extended easterly;  
 218 thence, Westerly along the north line of Sections 25,  
 219 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 in Township 50 South, Range 40  
 220 East and continue Westerly along the north line of  
 221 Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 in Township 50  
 222 South, Range 39 East, and continue Westerly along the  
 223 north line of Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30,  
 224 Township 50 South, Range 37 East, to the east line of  
 225 Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 36 East; thence  
 226 Northerly along the east line of said Section 25 to  
 227 the northeast corner of said Section 25; thence  
 228 Westerly along the north line of Sections 25, 26, 27,  
 229 28, 29 and 30, Township 50 South, Range 36 East, and  
 230 continue Westerly along the north line of Sections 25,  
 231 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Township 50 South, Range 35  
 232 East, to the west line of Range 35 East, being the



233 western limits of Broward County; thence Southerly  
 234 along the west line of Range 35 to the southwest  
 235 corner of Section 18, Township 51 South, Range 35  
 236 East; thence, Easterly along the south line of  
 237 Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 and 13, Township 51 South,  
 238 Range 36 East to the east line of said Range 36 East;  
 239 thence Southerly along said east line of Range 36 East  
 240 to the Southwest corner of Section 7, Township 51  
 241 South Range 37 East; thence, Easterly along the south  
 242 line of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 51  
 243 South, Range 37 East, and continue Easterly along the  
 244 south line of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12,  
 245 Township 51 South, Range 38 East, and continue  
 246 Westerly along the south line of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10,  
 247 11 and 12, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, and  
 248 continue Easterly along the south line of Sections 7,  
 249 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 51 South, Range 40 East,  
 250 and continue Easterly along the south line of Sections  
 251 7, 8, and 9, Township 51 South, Range 41 East to the  
 252 southeast corner of said Section 9; thence Northerly  
 253 along the east line of Sections 9 and 4, Township 51  
 254 South, Range 41 East, and continue Northerly along the  
 255 east line of Sections 33 and 28, Township 50 South,  
 256 Range 41 East, to the point of beginning.

257  
 258 (5) Subdistrict No. 5 shall include the following  
 259 described property:

260  
 261 Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 16,

262 Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Broward County,  
 263 Florida, run Westerly along the north line of Sections  
 264 16, 17 and 18, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, and  
 265 continue Westerly along the north line of Sections 13,  
 266 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Township 51 South, Range 40  
 267 East, and continue Westerly along the north line of  
 268 Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Township 51 South,  
 269 Range 39 East, and continue Westerly along the north  
 270 line of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Township  
 271 51 South, Range 37 East, to the east line of Range 36  
 272 East to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township  
 273 51 South, Range 36 East; thence, Westerly along the  
 274 north line of Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19,  
 275 Township 51 South, Range 36 East, and continue  
 276 Westerly along the north line of Sections 24, 23, 22,  
 277 21, 20 and 19, Township 51 South, Range 35 East, to  
 278 the west line of Range 35 East, being the western  
 279 limits of Broward County; thence, Southerly along the  
 280 west line of Range 35 to the south line of Township 51  
 281 South; thence Easterly along the south line of said  
 282 Township 51 to the west line of Range 37 East; thence,  
 283 Southerly along the west line of Range 37 to the  
 284 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 51 South,  
 285 Range 37 East; thence Easterly along the south line of  
 286 Township 51 to the east line of Range 40 East; thence  
 287 northerly along the east line of said Range 40 to the  
 288 southwest corner of Section 30, Township 51 South,  
 289 Range 41 East; thence, Easterly along the south line  
 290 of Sections 30, 29 and 28 to the southeast corner of

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291 said Section 28; thence, Northerly along the east line  
 292 of Section 28, 21 and 16 to the point of beginning.

293  
 294 (6) Subdistrict Nos. 6 and 7 shall both include all  
 295 of the area within subdistrict Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

296  
 297 Section 4. The governing body of the South Broward  
 298 Hospital District shall consist of seven commissioners who shall  
 299 serve without compensation. All commissioners shall be qualified  
 300 electors residing in Broward County for more than 1 year and in  
 301 said subdistricts for more than 90 days prior to the  
 302 appointment; one of whom shall reside in subdistrict No. 1, one  
 303 of whom shall reside in subdistrict No. 2, one of whom shall  
 304 reside in subdistrict No. 3, one of whom shall reside in  
 305 subdistrict No. 4, one of whom shall reside in subdistrict No.  
 306 5, and two of whom shall reside in subdistricts 6 and 7, and  
 307 they shall be known and designated as the "Board of  
 308 Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District." It is not  
 309 a requirement for office that any commissioner be a freeholder.  
 310 Commissioners shall be appointed for staggered terms of 4 years  
 311 each and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The  
 312 Governor shall have the power to remove any member of said board  
 313 of commissioners for cause, and shall fill any vacancies that  
 314 may at any time occur therein. Each member shall give bond to  
 315 the Governor for the faithful performance of his or her duties  
 316 in the sum of \$5,000 with a surety company qualified to do  
 317 business in the state, as surety, which bond shall be approved  
 318 and kept by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County.  
 319 The premiums on said bond shall be paid as part of the expenses

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320 of said district. The respective terms of the commissioners in  
 321 office at the time this law shall take effect shall continue for  
 322 their term of office and shall thereafter continue until their  
 323 successors are appointed and qualified as herein provided.

324 Section 5. (1) The Board of Commissioners of the South  
 325 Broward Hospital District shall have all of the following  
 326 governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers:

327 (a) To enable the board of commissioners to provide any  
 328 and all types of health care facilities, equipment, and services  
 329 and any and all types of facilities, equipment, and services  
 330 related or incidental thereto, directly or indirectly, whether  
 331 alone, or in conjunction with other public or private persons,  
 332 not for profit or for profit.

333 (b) To sponsor, with any form of assistance not expressly  
 334 prohibited by the State Constitution, the formation,  
 335 organization, capitalization, and operation of public or private  
 336 persons, not for profit or for profit, providing or intending to  
 337 provide any types of health facilities, equipment, and services  
 338 or any facilities, equipment, or services related or incidental  
 339 thereto, and to provide, from assets and resources then owned by  
 340 the district, or assets and resources specifically acquired for  
 341 the purpose, goods and services to such persons by sale, lease,  
 342 contract, grant, gift, or otherwise upon such terms and  
 343 conditions as the board of commissioners may determine in its  
 344 sole discretion are in the public interest.

345 (c) To restructure and reorganize all or part of the  
 346 assets, liabilities, and operations of the district into such  
 347 public or private persons, not for profit or for profit, as the  
 348 board of commissioners may in its sole discretion determine are

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349 in the public interest and are not expressly prohibited by the  
 350 State Constitution, whether for the purpose of having such  
 351 persons conduct operations previously conducted by the district  
 352 or having such persons conduct operations which the district has  
 353 the power to conduct directly but has not undertaken directly.

354 (d) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to  
 355 exercise all of the powers of a corporation organized pursuant  
 356 to chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

357 (e) To establish and maintain, or to sponsor the  
 358 establishment and maintenance, directly or indirectly, alone or  
 359 in conjunction with other public or private persons, not for  
 360 profit or for profit, with any form of assistance from the  
 361 district not expressly prohibited by the State Constitution,  
 362 health maintenance organizations or services, preferred provider  
 363 organizations or services, programs for cost containment, health  
 364 insurance, or indemnity benefit systems, service benefit  
 365 systems, and any other organization or system that provides, or  
 366 arranges for the provision of, health care services or otherwise  
 367 pays for, or protects residents and nonresidents of the district  
 368 against, the costs of health care services.

369 (f) To sue and be sued under the name of South Broward  
 370 Hospital District.

371 (g) To contract and be contracted with.

372 (h) To adopt and use a common seal and to alter the same  
 373 at pleasure.

374 (i) To acquire, purchase, hold, lease, and convey such  
 375 real and personal property as the board deems proper or  
 376 expedient.

377 (j) To appoint and employ a superintendent or

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378 administrator and such other agents and employees as the board  
 379 deems advisable.

380 (k) To borrow money and to issue the notes, bonds, and  
 381 other evidences of indebtedness of the district therefore to  
 382 carry out the provisions of this act in the manner hereinafter  
 383 provided.

384 (2) The provisions of this act shall be so construed as to  
 385 secure and extend to the board of commissioners all powers,  
 386 whether governmental, corporate, or proprietary, not expressly  
 387 prohibited by the State Constitution and to remove any  
 388 limitations judicially imposed or otherwise. No person whom the  
 389 district sponsors, or with whom the district contracts, or to  
 390 whom the district sponsors, or with personal property, goods, or  
 391 services, by contract, lease, sales, grant, gift, or otherwise,  
 392 shall be deemed an agency of the district. It is hereby found  
 393 and declared to be a public purpose and necessity for the  
 394 preservation of the public health and for public use and for the  
 395 welfare of the district and the residents thereof that the board  
 396 of commissioners of the district have the broadest possible  
 397 power to provide and structure health facilities and services,  
 398 and facilities and services incidental or related thereto, in  
 399 order to meet all types of health needs, and pursuant thereto to  
 400 have the broadest flexibility to involve public and private  
 401 persons, for profit and not for profit, in the establishment,  
 402 maintenance, and operation of such facilities and services so as  
 403 to provide the board of commissioners with the greatest  
 404 flexibility permitted by the State Constitution to establish,  
 405 maintain, and operate, alone or in conjunction with other public  
 406 or private persons, not for profit and for profit, such health

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407 facilities and services, and facilities and services related or  
408 incidental thereto, which in the sole judgment of the board of  
409 commissioners are responsive to the health needs of the district  
410 and are in the public interest.

411 Section 6. Four of said commissioners shall constitute a  
412 quorum, and a vote of at least three of the commissioners shall  
413 be necessary to the transaction of any business of the district.  
414 The commissioners shall cause true and accurate minutes and  
415 records to be kept of all business transacted by them, and shall  
416 keep full, true, and complete books of account and minutes,  
417 which minutes, records, and books of account shall at all  
418 reasonable times be open and subject to the inspection of  
419 inhabitants of the district; and any person desiring to do so  
420 may make or procure a copy of the minutes, records, or books of  
421 account, or such portions thereof as he may desire.

422 Section 7. The South Broward Hospital District is  
423 authorized and empowered to create an employees' pension fund so  
424 as to provide for life and/or disability and/or medical  
425 insurance for all or any of its employees or officers on a group  
426 insurance or other acceptable plan approved by said Board of  
427 Commissioners of South Broward Hospital District, and to  
428 establish and create by resolution an employees' pension,  
429 annuity, and/or retirement plan for any and all groups of  
430 officers and employees employed by the South Broward Hospital  
431 District and qualifying for such plan, and to pay all or such  
432 portion of the cost of any such employees' pension, annuity,  
433 and/or retirement plan from funds available to the district from  
434 its authorized sources with employees defraying the balance  
435 thereof, if any, as said board of commissioners by resolution

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436 may determine for any and all groups of officers and employees  
 437 employed by said South Broward Hospital District.

438 Section 8. Without in any way limiting the powers set  
 439 forth in section 5, the board of commissioners is hereby  
 440 authorized and empowered to establish, construct, operate, and  
 441 maintain such hospital or hospitals and other health facilities  
 442 as in their opinion are necessary for the use of the people of  
 443 the district, and to establish, construct, operate, and maintain  
 444 such facilities for the care of such persons requiring limited  
 445 medical care or treatment as in their opinion is necessary for  
 446 the people of the district. The hospital or hospitals, other  
 447 health facilities, and facilities for limited care and treatment  
 448 shall be established, constructed, operated, and maintained by  
 449 the board of commissioners for the preservation of the public  
 450 health, for the public good, and for the use of the public of  
 451 the district; and maintenance of the hospital or hospitals,  
 452 other health facilities, and facilities for limited care and  
 453 treatment within the district is hereby found and declared to be  
 454 a public purpose and necessary for the preservation of the  
 455 public health, for public use, and for the welfare of the  
 456 district and inhabitants thereof. The location and legal form  
 457 and structure of such hospital or hospitals, other health  
 458 facilities, and facilities for limited care and treatment shall  
 459 be determined by the board.

460 Section 9. (1) The board of commissioners is hereby  
 461 authorized and empowered at any time in their discretion to  
 462 establish and maintain, in connection with such hospital, and as  
 463 a part thereof, or in connection with any other educational or  
 464 vocational institution in the state, a school or training



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465 program for nurses, paramedics, medical technicians, and other  
 466 technical employees in the hospital, medical, or related field.  
 467 Said board of commissioners are authorized and empowered to set  
 468 up all rules and regulations necessary for the operation of such  
 469 training program whether it be in a school, hospital, or within  
 470 departments of the hospital, and they are further authorized to  
 471 make all necessary expenditures in connection therewith,  
 472 including payments and other assistance to other educational or  
 473 vocational institutions in the state having such a curriculum or  
 474 training program.

475 (2) In the event the schools are established within the  
 476 hospital, the hospital may, upon completion of the prescribed  
 477 course of training, give to such nurses, paramedics, medical, or  
 478 related fields, who have satisfactorily completed the said  
 479 course, a diploma or certificate of training. Similarly, the  
 480 board is empowered to setup such cooperative doctors' residence  
 481 programs with any institution of higher learning in the state.

482 Section 10. The board shall have the power of eminent  
 483 domain, and may thereby condemn and acquire any real or personal  
 484 property within the territorial limits of this district, which  
 485 the board may deem necessary for the use of said district. Such  
 486 power of condemnation shall be exercised in the same manner as  
 487 is now provided by the general law for the exercise of the power  
 488 of eminent domain by cities and towns of the state.

489 Section 11. (1) The term "anticipation time warrants"  
 490 means bond anticipation notes, grant anticipation notes, revenue  
 491 anticipation notes, and tax anticipation notes; such  
 492 anticipation time warrants may be issued in the form of  
 493 commercial paper.

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494       (2) The district is hereby authorized and empowered, in  
495 order to provide facilities, including real and personal  
496 property, and to carry out, exercise, and perform its powers and  
497 duties, and for any other lawful purpose, to borrow money from  
498 time to time, as the board determines is in the best interest of  
499 the district, and to issue and sell the anticipation time  
500 warrants of the district, and to refund the same by issuing the  
501 refunding anticipation time warrants of the district, all upon  
502 such terms, having such maturities, form, and terms, and bearing  
503 such rate or rates of interest, including variable rates, as may  
504 be determined by the board or, if issued in the form of  
505 commercial paper, as may be determined by the chair, vice chair,  
506 or the secretary-treasurer within guidelines and limits  
507 determined by the board, as hereinafter provided in this  
508 section.

509       (3) The district is authorized to borrow money and to  
510 issue bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of  
511 bonds under section 12 and in anticipation of the issuance of  
512 revenue certificates under section 13, all as provided in  
513 section 215.431, Florida Statutes, as the said section may from  
514 time to time hereafter be amended, to expend the proceeds  
515 thereof for the purposes for which such bonds or revenue  
516 certificates are to be issued and to pledge, by resolution or  
517 contract, the proceeds to be derived from the sale of such bonds  
518 or revenue certificates and other legally available funds of the  
519 district for the payment of the principal thereof, premium, if  
520 any, and interest thereon.

521       (4) The district is hereby authorized to borrow money and  
522 to issue grant anticipation notes having a maturity of not more

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523 than 5 years in anticipation of the receipt of any federal,  
 524 state, private, or other grant, to expend the proceeds thereof  
 525 for the purposes for which such grant has been made, and to  
 526 pledge, by resolution or contract, the moneys to be received  
 527 from such grant and other legally available funds of the  
 528 district for the payment of the principal thereof, premium, if  
 529 any, and interest thereon.

530 (5) The district is hereby authorized to borrow money and  
 531 to issue revenue anticipation notes having a maturity of not  
 532 more than 5 years in anticipation of the receipt of revenues,  
 533 other than ad valorem tax revenues, to expend the proceeds  
 534 thereof for the purposes set forth in section 16 or for any  
 535 other lawful purpose, and to pledge, by resolution or contract,  
 536 revenues of the district, other than ad valorem tax revenues,  
 537 for the payment of the principal thereof, premium, if any, and  
 538 interest thereon.

539 (6) The district is hereby authorized to borrow money and  
 540 to issue tax anticipation notes having a maturity of not more  
 541 than 5 years and to levy and appropriate and to pledge, by  
 542 resolution or contract, ad valorem taxes and other legally  
 543 available funds of the district in payment of the principal  
 544 thereof, premium, if any, and interest thereon, provided,  
 545 however, that no tax anticipation notes having a maturity of  
 546 more than 12 months shall be issued unless first approved by an  
 547 election as required by section 12, Article VII of the State  
 548 Constitution.

549 (7) The district is hereby authorized to issue the notes  
 550 described in subsections (3), (4), (5), and (6) in the form of  
 551 commercial paper and, if issued in such form, the resolution

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552 authorizing the issuance thereof may provide for the renewal,  
553 refunding, or rollover thereof from time to time so long as no  
554 such renewal, refunding, or rollover note shall mature more than  
555 5 years after the date of issue of the first such note issued  
556 pursuant to such resolution; provided, however, that in the case  
557 of tax anticipation notes issued without an election pursuant to  
558 subsection (6), no such renewal, refunding, or rollover note  
559 shall have a final maturity of more than 12 months from date of  
560 issue of the first such tax anticipation note issued pursuant to  
561 such resolution. The resolution authorizing the issuance of such  
562 notes in the form of commercial paper may set forth guidelines  
563 and limits pertaining to the maximum aggregate principal amount  
564 of such notes which may be outstanding at any one time, the  
565 longest maturity any such note may bear, the form of such notes,  
566 the terms (including redemption provisions, the maximum  
567 redemption premium which may be permitted, schedules for the  
568 amortization of principal and interest which may be permitted,  
569 and such other provisions as the board may determine), and the  
570 maximum rate of interest any such obligations may bear (which  
571 may be specified to be the maximum rate permitted by the laws of  
572 the state on the date such notes or renewal, refunding, or  
573 rollover notes are issued) and may authorize the chair, the vice  
574 chair, or the secretary-treasurer, or any one or more of them,  
575 from time to time, to determine, within the aforesaid guidelines  
576 and limits, the date or dates on which said notes shall be  
577 issued, the aggregate principal amount of notes to be issued at  
578 such time, the maturity date or dates of such notes, the form  
579 and terms (including provisions for redemption thereof, the  
580 amount of any redemption premium, the schedule for the

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581 amortization of principal and payment of interest, and other  
 582 provisions as the board shall have authorized), the rate or  
 583 rates of interest payable thereon (which may be a variable rate)  
 584 and to sell, issue, execute, and deliver the same pursuant to  
 585 such authorization. Any resolution authorizing a negotiated sale  
 586 of notes in the form of commercial paper to any class of  
 587 purchaser may likewise authorize the negotiated sale of renewal,  
 588 refunding, or rollover notes to such class of purchaser and may  
 589 contain such other provisions as the board may authorize.

590 Section 12. The Board of Commissioners of the South  
 591 Broward Hospital District is hereby authorized to issue bonds of  
 592 said district of such form and denomination, becoming due not  
 593 more than 40 years from the date of issuance, in an amount not  
 594 to exceed \$50 million as the total bonded indebtedness of said  
 595 district (excluding from such total bonded indebtedness such  
 596 obligations of said district that are payable from moneys other  
 597 than taxation raised annually within said district as provided  
 598 in section 13), for the purpose of raising funds to establish,  
 599 construct, acquire, add to, operate, and maintain such hospital  
 600 or hospitals or other related medical facilities as in the  
 601 board's opinion are necessary in said district; the said board  
 602 of commissioners shall have the power to refund any and all  
 603 previous issues of bonds for any and all lawful purposes in such  
 604 manner as said district determine to be in its best interests.

605 Section 13. Prior to the issuance of such bonds provided  
 606 in section 12, said board of commissioners shall, by resolution,  
 607 determine the amount which in their opinion will be necessary to  
 608 be raised annually by taxation for an interest and sinking fund  
 609 with which to pay the interest and principal of said bonds; and

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610 the said board is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to  
 611 provide for the levy and collection annually of a sufficient tax  
 612 upon all the taxable property in said district, not exempt by  
 613 law, to pay such interest, and with which to provide and  
 614 maintain a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of said  
 615 bonds.

616 Section 14. All bonds issued by the South Broward Hospital  
 617 District, except refunding bonds, revenue certificates, and  
 618 anticipation time warrants, shall be issued only after the same  
 619 shall have been approved at a bond election in the manner  
 620 provided for by the State Constitution.

621 Section 15. The board of commissioners is hereby  
 622 authorized and empowered to compromise and settle any accounts  
 623 receivable or other claims on money due and owing to the  
 624 district according to such terms and conditions as the board of  
 625 commissioners, in its discretion, may determine. The factors  
 626 which may be considered by the board of commissioners in any  
 627 such compromise, are the ability of the debtors to pay and the  
 628 probabilities of collection in full. The board of commissioners  
 629 is further authorized and empowered to sell, assign, or convey  
 630 to any person all of the right, title, and interest of the  
 631 district in any account receivable, note receivable, or judgment  
 632 owned by the district by payment for such amount, note, or  
 633 judgment of whatsoever value as the board of commissioners, in  
 634 its discretion, may determine. The board of commissioners is  
 635 further authorized and empowered to subordinate its interest in  
 636 any mortgage or judgment lien to the interest of any third  
 637 parties, according to such terms and conditions as the board of  
 638 commissioners, in it discretion, may determine.

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639 Section 16. The board of commissioners is hereby  
 640 authorized to provide by resolution at one time or from time to  
 641 time for the issuance of revenue certificates of the hospital  
 642 district for the purpose of paying all or a part of the cost of  
 643 acquisition, construction, planning, repairing, extensions to,  
 644 additions, equipping, furnishing, and reconstruction of any  
 645 hospital or hospitals of the district. The certificates of each  
 646 issuance shall be dated, shall mature at such time or times not  
 647 exceeding 40 years from their date or dates, shall be in such  
 648 denominations, shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may  
 649 be determined by the board of commissioners, and may be made  
 650 redeemable before maturity at the option of the board of  
 651 commissioners at such price or prices and under such terms and  
 652 conditions as may be fixed by the board of commissioners prior  
 653 to the issuance of the certificates. The board of commissioners  
 654 shall determine the form of the certificates, including any  
 655 interest coupons to be attached thereto, and the manner of  
 656 execution of the certificates and coupons, and shall fix the  
 657 denomination or denominations of the certificates and the place  
 658 or places of payment of principal and interest, which may be at  
 659 any bank or trust company within or without the state. In case  
 660 any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature  
 661 shall appear on any certificates or coupons shall cease to be  
 662 such officer before the delivery of such certificates, such  
 663 signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and  
 664 sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in  
 665 office until such delivery. All certificates issued under the  
 666 provisions of this act shall have and are hereby declared to  
 667 have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments

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668 under the law merchant and the laws of the state. The  
 669 certificates may be issued in coupon or in registered form, or  
 670 both, as the board of commissioners may determine, and  
 671 provisions may be made for the registration of any coupon  
 672 certificates as to principal alone and also as to both principal  
 673 and interest, and for the reconversion into coupon certificates  
 674 of any certificates registered as to both principal and  
 675 interest. The issuance of such certificates shall not be subject  
 676 to any limitations of conditions contained in any other law or  
 677 considered as part of the total bonded indebtedness of the  
 678 district as provided in section 12. Prior to the preparation of  
 679 definitive certificates, the board of commissioners may, under  
 680 like restrictions, issue interim receipts or temporary  
 681 certificates with or without coupons, exchangeable for  
 682 definitive certificates when such certificates have been  
 683 executed and are available for delivery. The board of  
 684 commissioners may also provide for the replacement of any  
 685 certificates, which shall be mutilated or be destroyed or lost.  
 686 The Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital  
 687 District shall have the authority to provide by resolution for  
 688 the issuance of refunding certificates under such terms and  
 689 conditions as the board of commissioners shall determine to be  
 690 in the best interests of the district.

691 Section 17. As far as practicable, where not inconsistent  
 692 with the provisions of this act, procedure provided in the  
 693 general laws of Florida for elections shall govern.

694 Section 18. All bonds issued under the provisions of  
 695 section 12 shall be in the denomination of \$100 or \$1,000, or  
 696 some multiple thereof, shall bear interest payable annually or



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697 semiannually, and both principal and interest shall be payable  
 698 at such place or places as the governing authority may  
 699 determine. The form of such bonds shall be fixed by the  
 700 resolution of the board of commissioners and the said bonds  
 701 shall be signed by the chair of said board and countersigned by  
 702 the secretary of said board under the seal of the district. The  
 703 coupons, if any, shall be executed by the facsimile signatures  
 704 of said officers. The delivery at any subsequent date of any  
 705 bond and coupon so executed shall be valid, although before the  
 706 date of delivery the person signing such bonds or coupons shall  
 707 cease to hold office.

708 Section 19. Bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of  
 709 section 12 may be either registered or coupon bonds. Coupon  
 710 bonds may be registered as to principal in the holder's name on  
 711 the books of the hospital district, the registration being noted  
 712 upon the bonds, after which no transfer shall be valid unless  
 713 made on such hospital district's books by the registered holder  
 714 and similarly noted on the bonds. Bonds registered as to  
 715 principal may be discharged from registration by being  
 716 transferred to bearer, after which they shall be transferable by  
 717 delivery, but may be again registered as to principal as before.  
 718 The registration of the bonds as to principal shall not restrain  
 719 the negotiability of the coupons by delivery merely.

720 Section 20. Before any bonds of the South Broward Hospital  
 721 District are issued pursuant to the provisions of section 12,  
 722 the board of commissioners shall investigate and determine the  
 723 legality of the proceedings. The resolution authorizing the  
 724 bonds may direct that they shall contain the following recital:  
 725 "It is certified that this bond is authorized by and is issued

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726 in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and  
 727 Statutes of the State of Florida." Such recital shall be an  
 728 authorized declaration by the governing body of the district and  
 729 shall import that there is constitutional and statutory  
 730 authority for incurring the debts and issuing the bonds; that  
 731 all proceedings therefore are regular; that all acts,  
 732 conditions, and things required to exist, happen, and be  
 733 performed precedent to and in the issuance of the bond have  
 734 existed, happened, and been performed in due time, form, and  
 735 manner, as required by law; and that the amount of the bond,  
 736 together with all other indebtedness, does not exceed any limit  
 737 or limits prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of this  
 738 state. If any bonds be issued containing said recital, it shall  
 739 be conclusively presumed that said recital, construed according  
 740 to the import hereby declared, is true, and the district shall  
 741 not be permitted to question the validity or legality of the  
 742 obligation in any court in any action or proceeding.

743 Section 21. In issuing bonds under the provisions of  
 744 section 12 or revenue certificates under the provisions of  
 745 section 16, it shall be lawful for the board of commissioners to  
 746 include more than one improvement or hospital purpose in any  
 747 such issue of bonds or revenue certificates.

748 Section 22. No resolution or proceeding in respect to the  
 749 issuance of said bonds or certificate hereunder shall be  
 750 necessary, except such as is required by this act. No  
 751 publication or any resolution or proceeding relating to the  
 752 issuance of the said bonds or certificates shall be required  
 753 except such as required by this act. Any publication prescribed  
 754 hereby may be made in any newspaper conforming to the terms of

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755 this act, without regard to the designation thereof as the  
 756 official organ of the district. Bonds issued hereunder have all  
 757 the qualities of negotiable paper under the law merchant, shall  
 758 not be invalid for any irregularity or defect in the proceedings  
 759 for the issue and sale thereof, and shall be incontestable in  
 760 the hands of bona fide purchasers or holders thereof for value.

761 Section 23. The Board of Commissioners of the South  
 762 Broward Hospital District shall have the power to provide by  
 763 resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds to refund  
 764 principal and interest of an existing bond indebtedness, issued  
 765 under the provisions of section 12, for the payment of which the  
 766 credit of the hospital district is pledged, and such bonds may  
 767 be issued at or prior to maturity of the bonds to be refunded.  
 768 Such resolution may be adopted at a regular or special meeting,  
 769 and at the same meeting at which it is introduced, by a majority  
 770 of all of the members of the commission then in office. It is  
 771 determined and declared as a matter of legislative intent that  
 772 no election to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds shall  
 773 be necessary, except in cases where an election may be required  
 774 by the State Constitution. In all cases where it is not  
 775 necessary under the constitution to hold an election on the  
 776 issuance of such refunding bonds, such resolution shall take  
 777 effect immediately upon the adoption thereof. No other  
 778 proceedings or procedures of any character whatever shall be  
 779 required for the issuance of such bonds by the said district.

780 Section 24. The resolution of the board of commissioners  
 781 authorizing the issuance of the refunding bonds may provide that  
 782 the refunding bonds may be issued in one or more series; may  
 783 bear such date, may mature at such time, not exceeding 40 years

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784 from their respective dates; may bear interest at such rate, not  
 785 exceeding the maximum rate of interest borne by the bonds  
 786 refinanced thereby; may be in such denomination; may be in such  
 787 form, either coupon or registered; may carry such registration  
 788 and conversion privileges; may be executed in such manner; may  
 789 be payable in such medium of payment, at such place; may be  
 790 subject to such terms of redemption, with or without a premium;  
 791 may be declared or become due before the maturity date thereof;  
 792 may provide for the replacement of mutilated, destroyed, stolen,  
 793 or lost bonds; may be authenticated in such manner and upon  
 794 compliance with such conditions; and may contain such other  
 795 terms and covenants as may be desired. Notwithstanding the form  
 796 or tenor thereof, and in the absence of an express recital on  
 797 the face thereof that the bond is nonnegotiable, all refunding  
 798 bonds shall at all times be, and shall be treated as, negotiable  
 799 instruments for all purposes.

800 Section 25. Refunding bonds bearing the signature of  
 801 officers of the district in office on the date of the signing  
 802 thereof shall be valid and binding obligations of the district  
 803 for all purposes, notwithstanding that before the delivery  
 804 thereof any or all of the persons whose signatures appear  
 805 thereon shall have ceased to be officers of the district. Any  
 806 resolution authorizing refunding bonds may provide that any such  
 807 refunding bonds issued pursuant to the article may contain such  
 808 a recital, and any refunding bond issued under authority of any  
 809 such resolution shall be conclusively deemed to be valid and to  
 810 have been issued in conformity with the provisions of this act.  
 811 The authority of the district to issue obligations under this  
 812 act may be determined and obligations to be issued under this

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813 act may be validated as provided by law.

814 Section 26. Refunding bonds may be sold or exchanged, as  
815 follows:

816 (1) In installments of different times, or an entire issue  
817 or series may be sold or exchanged at one time. Any issue or  
818 series of refunding bonds may be exchanged in part or sold in  
819 parts in installments at different times or at one time. The  
820 refunding bonds may be sold or exchanged at any time on, before,  
821 or after the maturity of any of the outstanding bonds of the  
822 district. The refunding bonds may be exchanged for a like or  
823 greater principal amount of such bonds of the district, except  
824 that the principal amount of the refunding bonds may exceed the  
825 principal amount of such outstanding bonds to the extent  
826 necessary or advisable, in the discretion of the governing body,  
827 to fund interest in arrears or about to become due. The holder  
828 of such outstanding bonds need not pay accrued interest on the  
829 refunding bonds to be delivered in exchange therefore if and to  
830 the extent that interest is due or accrued and unpaid on such  
831 outstanding bonds to be surrendered.

832 (2) If the board of commissioners determines to exchange  
833 any refunding bonds, any such refunding bonds may be exchanged  
834 privately for and in payment and discharge of any of the  
835 outstanding bonds of the district. The refunding bonds may be  
836 exchanged for a like or greater principal amount of such bonds  
837 of the district, except that the principal amount of the  
838 refunding bonds may exceed the principal amount of such  
839 outstanding bonds to the extent necessary or advisable, in the  
840 discretion of the governing body, to fund interest in arrears or  
841 about to become due. The holder of such outstanding bonds need

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842 not pay accrued interest on the refunding bonds to be delivered  
 843 in exchange thereof if and to the extent that interest is due or  
 844 accrued and unpaid on such outstanding bonds to be surrendered.

845 Section 27. The funds of said district shall be paid out  
 846 only upon warrant signed by the chair of the board, and having  
 847 thereto affixed the corporate seal of the district; and no  
 848 warrant shall be drawn or issued against funds of said district  
 849 except for a purpose authorized by this act, and no such warrant  
 850 against funds of said district shall be drawn or issued until  
 851 after the account or expenditure for which the same is to be  
 852 given in payment has been ordered and approved by the board of  
 853 commissioners.

854 Section 28. The Board of Commissioners of South Broward  
 855 Hospital District is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed  
 856 annually to levy upon real and personal taxable property of said  
 857 district, not exempt by law, a sufficient tax necessary for the  
 858 purposes and needs of the said district incurred in the exercise  
 859 of the powers and purposes herein granted, the rate of taxation  
 860 per annum shall not exceed 2.5 mills on the dollar of the  
 861 valuation of the property within the district for tax purposes,  
 862 providing, however, that the 2.5 mill limitation herein shall  
 863 apply only for the purposes and needs of the district and not  
 864 for the purposes of debt service requirements for bonds that may  
 865 be issued pursuant to section 12 of this act.

866 Section 29. That the levy by said board of the taxes  
 867 authorized by any provision of this act shall be by resolution  
 868 of said board duly entered upon the minutes of the board.  
 869 Certified copies of such resolution executed in the name of the  
 870 board by its chair, under its corporate seal, shall be made and

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871 delivered to the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County  
 872 and to the Chief Financial Officer not later than the 15th day  
 873 of June of each and every year. It shall be the duty of the  
 874 County Commissioners of Broward County to order and require that  
 875 the County Property Appraiser of said county to assess, and the  
 876 County Tax Collector of said county to collect the amount of  
 877 taxes so assessed or levied by the Board of Commissioners of  
 878 said South Broward Hospital District upon the taxable property  
 879 in said district, not exempt by law, at the rate of taxation  
 880 adopted by said board of commissioners of said district for said  
 881 year and include in the warrant of the property appraiser and  
 882 attach to the assessment roll of taxes for said year and  
 883 included in the warrant of the property appraiser and attach to  
 884 the assessment roll of taxes for said county each year. The tax  
 885 collector shall collect such tax so levied by said board in the  
 886 same manner as other taxes are collected, and shall pay the same  
 887 over to the Board of Commissioners of South Broward Hospital  
 888 District within the time and in the manner prescribed by law for  
 889 the payment by the tax collector of county taxes to the county  
 890 depository. It shall be the duty of the Florida Department of  
 891 Revenue to assess and levy on all the railroad lines and  
 892 railroad property situated or located in said district,  
 893 including as well all telephone lines. The amount of each said  
 894 levy of each said county or state taxes and the said taxes shall  
 895 be assessed by the same officer respectfully as are county taxes  
 896 upon such property, and such taxes shall be remitted by the  
 897 collecting officer to the Board of Commissioners of South  
 898 Broward Hospital District. All such taxes shall be held by said  
 899 board of commissioners and paid out by them as provided in this

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900 act. The board is authorized to pay necessary expenses to the  
 901 aforenamed officers for the assessment and collection of taxes  
 902 on a reasonable fee basis.

903 Section 30. The board is authorized to pay from the funds  
 904 of the district all expenses of the organization of said board  
 905 and all expenses necessarily incurred with the formation of said  
 906 district and all other reasonable and necessary expenses,  
 907 including the fees and expenses of an attorney in the  
 908 transaction of the business of the district, and in carrying out  
 909 and accomplishing the purposes of the act. This section,  
 910 however, shall not be construed to remit or instruct any of the  
 911 powers vested in said board of commissioners by any other  
 912 section or provision of this act.

913 Section 31. At least once in each year the board of  
 914 commissioners shall publish once in some newspaper published in  
 915 said district a complete detailed statement of all moneys  
 916 received and disbursed by them since the creation of the  
 917 district as to the first published statement and since the last  
 918 published statement as to any other year. Such statements shall  
 919 also show the several sources from which said funds were  
 920 received and shall show the balance on hand at the time of the  
 921 published statement. It shall show a complete statement of the  
 922 condition of the district.

923 Section 32. Each hospital or clinic established under this  
 924 act shall be for the use and benefit of the residents of this  
 925 district. Such residents shall be admitted to such hospital or  
 926 clinic and be entitled to hospitalization, subject, however, to  
 927 the rules and regulations prescribed by the board of  
 928 commissioners, which rules and regulations are effective as of



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929 the date of admission of a patient or patients to said hospital  
 930 or clinic. Such hospital or clinic may care for and treat  
 931 without charge to patients who are found by the board of  
 932 commissioners to be indigent. Such board may collect from  
 933 patients financially able, such charges as the board of  
 934 commissioners may from time to time establish. The board of  
 935 commissioners may exclude from treatment and care any person  
 936 having a communicable or contagious disease, where such disease  
 937 may be a detriment to the best interests of such hospital or  
 938 clinic or a source of contagion or infection to the patient in  
 939 its care, unless such hospital has a separate building or ward  
 940 for the special treatment of such patients, and can properly and  
 941 with safety to the other patients retain such communicable or  
 942 contagious case in such separate ward or building. Said board of  
 943 commissioners may extend the privileges and use of such hospital  
 944 or clinic to nonresidents of such district upon such terms and  
 945 conditions as the said board may from time to time by its rules  
 946 and regulations provide. Provided, however, that the residents  
 947 of the district wherein such hospital or clinic is located,  
 948 shall have first claim to admission.

949 Section 33. Realizing that factors other than professional  
 950 must enter into the qualification of those who practice medicine  
 951 and surgery, the Board of Commissioners of said South Broward  
 952 Hospital District are hereby authorized and empowered to set up  
 953 rules, regulations, and bylaws for the operation of the hospital  
 954 and the hospital staff; the board of commissioners are  
 955 authorized to give, grant, or revoke licenses and privileges of  
 956 staff members so that the welfare and health of patients and the  
 957 best interests of the hospital may at all times be best served.

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958 The board of commissioners of the said district are further  
959 authorized and empowered to set up rules and regulations for the  
960 control of all professional and unprofessional employees of the  
961 hospital, which terms shall include nurses on general duty or on  
962 private duty attending patients, and all parties in the hospital  
963 either as employees or in any manner in attendance of patients.

964 Section 34. It is intended that the provisions of this act  
965 shall be liberally construed for accomplishing the work  
966 authorized and provided for or intended to be provided for in  
967 this act, and where strict construction would result in the  
968 defeat of the accomplishment of any part of the work authorized  
969 by this act, and a liberal construction would permit or assist  
970 in the accomplishment, thereof, the liberal construction shall  
971 be chosen.

972 Section 35. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward  
973 County are hereby authorized, empowered, and required upon the  
974 petition of not less than 25 qualified electors owning real  
975 property in the territory covered by said South Broward Hospital  
976 District, to call and hold an election within said district  
977 after giving not less than 30 days' notice of the time and place  
978 within such district where such an election will be held. All  
979 qualified electors owning real property in the territory covered  
980 by said South Broward Hospital District shall be entitled to  
981 vote at said election, and the result of said election shall be  
982 reported by the manager thereof to the Board of County  
983 Commissioners of Broward County, who shall canvas the returns  
984 and declare the results thereof. If a majority of the qualified  
985 electors voting at the said election shall vote in favor of the  
986 approval and ratification of this act, then this act shall

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987 immediately become effective. The sole questions to be voted on  
 988 at said election shall be the ratification or rejection of all  
 989 of the terms and provisions of this act.

990 Section 36. Any clause or section of this act which for  
 991 any reason may be held or declared invalid may be eliminated and  
 992 the remaining portion or portions thereof shall be and remain in  
 993 full force and be valid, as if such invalid clause or section  
 994 had not been incorporated therein.

995 Section 37. Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
 996 218.33, Florida Statutes, the fiscal year of South Broward  
 997 Hospital District shall commence May 1 and end on April 30 of  
 998 each calendar year.

999 Section 38. (1) The bonds of the district may bear such  
 1000 rate or rates of interest, including a variable rate of  
 1001 interest, and may be sold at par or at such premium or discount  
 1002 as the board shall determine, as shall not, taking into account  
 1003 the stated interest rate and any discount or premium, cause the  
 1004 average net interest cost rate to exceed the maximum average net  
 1005 interest cost rate permitted by section 215.84, Florida  
 1006 Statutes, or any interest rate, or average net interest cost  
 1007 rate, per annum permitted by general law amending or superseding  
 1008 section 215.84, Florida Statutes.

1009 (2) The procedures for the sale of general obligation  
 1010 bonds or revenue bonds, as defined in section 218.385, Florida  
 1011 Statutes, of the district shall be governed by section 218.385,  
 1012 Florida Statutes, or by any general law amending or superseding  
 1013 section 218.385, Florida Statutes.

1014 Section 39. In addition to any investment authorized by  
 1015 general law, and to the extent created by the State

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1016 Constitution, the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward  
 1017 Hospital District shall be and is hereby authorized and  
 1018 empowered to invest any funds in its control or possession in  
 1019 accordance with an investment policy approved by the board which  
 1020 mandates prudent investment practices which shall include, among  
 1021 other items, the investment objectives and permitted securities  
 1022 of the policy. Such investment policy shall be designed to  
 1023 maximize the financial return to the fund consistent with the  
 1024 risks incumbent in each investment and shall be designed to  
 1025 preserve the appropriate diversification of the portfolio.  
 1026 Accordingly, the following instruments are authorized for  
 1027 investment:

1028 (1) In the trust fund known as Local Government Surplus  
 1029 Funds Trust Fund as created and established by section 218.405,  
 1030 Florida Statutes.

1031 (2) Bankers' acceptances which are drawn upon and accepted  
 1032 by a commercial bank which is a member bank of the Federal  
 1033 Reserve System maintaining capital accounts in excess of 7.5  
 1034 percent of total assets, and which member bank of its holding  
 1035 company carries a credit rating in one of the two highest  
 1036 alphabetical categories from at least two nationally recognized  
 1037 debt rating agencies.

1038 (3) Commercial paper of prime quality rated by at least  
 1039 two nationally recognized debt rating agencies in the highest  
 1040 letter and numerical rating of each agency. If not so rated,  
 1041 such prime quality commercial paper may be purchased if secured  
 1042 by a letter of credit provided by a commercial bank, which bank  
 1043 or its holding company carries a credit rating in one of the two  
 1044 highest alphabetical categories from at least two nationally

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1045 recognized debt rating agencies.

1046 (4) Interest-bearing bonds, debentures, and other such  
 1047 evidence of indebtedness with a fixed maturity of any domestic  
 1048 corporation within the United States which is listed on any one  
 1049 or more of the recognized national stock exchanges in the United  
 1050 States which is listed on any one or more of the recognized  
 1051 national stock exchanges in the United States and conforms with  
 1052 the periodic reporting requirements under the Securities  
 1053 Exchange Act of 1934. Such obligations shall either carry  
 1054 ratings in one of the two highest classifications of at least  
 1055 two nationally recognized debt rating agencies or be secured by  
 1056 a letter of credit provided by a commercial bank, which bank or  
 1057 its holding company carries a credit rating in one of the two  
 1058 highest alphabetical categories from at least two nationally  
 1059 recognized debt rating agencies.

1060 (5) Negotiable direct obligations of, or obligations the  
 1061 principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed  
 1062 by, the United States Government and obligations of the Federal  
 1063 Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporations, or  
 1064 Federal Home Loan Bank or its district banks, including Federal  
 1065 Home Loan Mortgage Corporation participation certificates or  
 1066 obligations guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage  
 1067 Association, which are purchased and sold under repurchase  
 1068 agreements and reverse repurchase agreements. Repurchase  
 1069 agreements and reverse repurchase agreements may be entered into  
 1070 only with a member bank of the Federal Reserve System or primary  
 1071 dealer in United States Government Securities. Further, any such  
 1072 repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements shall be  
 1073 fully collateralized by the type of securities which are named in

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1074 this subsection. Securities purchased or repurchased by the  
 1075 South Broward Hospital District shall be delivered to the South  
 1076 Broward Hospital District or its agent versus payment.

1077 (6) Purchase of options so as to engage in bona fide  
 1078 hedging activities for the purpose of protecting the asset value  
 1079 of the underlying portfolio. However, the underlying security  
 1080 (that is, the security that must be delivered if a put option or  
 1081 call option contract is exercised) shall be negotiable direct  
 1082 obligations of, or obligations the principal and interest of  
 1083 which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States  
 1084 Government and obligations of the Federal Farm Credit Banks,  
 1085 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporations, or Federal Loan Bank or  
 1086 its district banks, including Federal Home Loan Mortgage  
 1087 Corporation participation certificates, or obligations  
 1088 guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association.  
 1089 Further, the options of said underlying securities shall be  
 1090 traded on a securities exchange or board of trade regulated by  
 1091 the Securities Exchange Commission or the Commodity Futures  
 1092 Trading Commission.

1093 Section 40. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of part  
 1094 III of chapter 163, Florida Statutes, the district is not a  
 1095 "public body" or "taxing authority," as those terms are used in  
 1096 part III, chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

1097 (2) This section shall not apply with respect to any  
 1098 geographic area approved as appropriate for community  
 1099 redevelopment by a resolution or ordinance adopted pursuant to  
 1100 section 163.355, Florida Statutes, by a governing body prior to  
 1101 January 1, 1998, or to any geographic area approved by the  
 1102 governing body pursuant to section 163.355, Florida Statutes, as

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1103 a community redevelopment area prior to January 1, 1998.  
 1104 However, this section shall apply to any geographic area  
 1105 approved as appropriate for community redevelopment or added to  
 1106 a community redevelopment area by resolution or ordinance of a  
 1107 governing body adopted on or after January 1, 1998. The terms  
 1108 "governing body" and "community redevelopment area" mean the  
 1109 same as in part III, chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

1110 Section 4. It is intended that the provisions of this  
 1111 action shall be liberally construed for accomplishment of the  
 1112 work authorized and provided for or intended to be provided for  
 1113 by this act, and where strict construction would permit or  
 1114 assist in the accomplishment of any apart of the work authorized  
 1115 by this act, the liberal construction shall be chosen.

1116 Section 5. All acts and proceedings of the circuit court  
 1117 taken by, for, and on behalf of the district since the creation  
 1118 thereof, and all of the acts and proceedings of the board of  
 1119 commissioners, and all other officers and agents of the  
 1120 district, and of the county, acting for and on behalf of the  
 1121 district, and any and all tax levies and assessments which have  
 1122 been made by the board of commissioners for and on behalf of the  
 1123 district, are each and every one of them, and each and every  
 1124 part thereof, hereby ratified.

1125 Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause,  
 1126 or phrase of this act is held to be unconstitutional, such  
 1127 holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions  
 1128 of the act, the Legislature hereby declaring that it would have  
 1129 passed this act and each section, subsection, sentence, clause,  
 1130 and phrase thereof, irrespective of any other separate section,  
 1131 subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, and

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1132 irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections,  
 1133 subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases thereof may be  
 1134 declared unconstitutional.

1135 Section 7. Chapter 24415 (1947), Laws of Florida, which  
 1136 was approved by the electors for the district in referendum held  
 1137 on May 22, 1950, is repealed; provided, however, that, as  
 1138 provided in section 189.429(3), Florida Statutes, nothing in  
 1139 this act, including specifically this section 7 shall modify,  
 1140 amend, or alter any covenants, contract, or other obligations of  
 1141 the district or board of commissioners with respect to the  
 1142 district's bonded indebtedness; and affect the ability of the  
 1143 board of commissioners and district to levy and collect taxes as  
 1144 permitted under prior law and herein. Chapters 24415 (1947),  
 1145 59-1125, 59-1126, 59-1128, 61-1925, 61-1932, 61-1935, 63-1180,  
 1146 65-1296, 65-1339, 67-1164, 69-910, 70-618, 71-566, 71-577, 72-  
 1147 494, 74-436, 74-450, 75-346, 75-349, 76-337, 76-339, 79-431, 80-  
 1148 459, 80-466, 80-467, 80-469, 81-351, 82-269, 83-378, 84-400, 90-  
 1149 488, and 99-423, Laws of Florida, are hereby repealed.

1150 Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.