

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

The Committee on Health Regulation (Garcia) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 162 - 194

and insert:

who cast a vote concerning the sale or lease of the hospital or, in the alternative, approval from a circuit court.

(a) If the governing board seeks to obtain approval from a circuit court, the board shall file a petition in a circuit court seeking approval of the proposed transaction at least 30 days after publication of the notice of the proposed transaction. The petition must be filed in the circuit in which the majority of the physical assets of the hospital are located.



- (b) The petition for approval filed by the governing board must include all findings and documents required under subsection (5) and certification by the governing board of compliance with all requirements of this section.
- (c) A circuit court has jurisdiction to approve the sale or lease of a county, district, or municipal hospital.
- (9) Upon the filing of a petition for approval, the court shall issue an order requiring all interested parties to appear at a designated time and place within the circuit where the petition is filed and show why the petition should or should not be granted. For purposes of this subsection, "interested parties" are any party submitting a proposal for sale or lease of the county, district, or municipal hospital; the governing board; and a person who moves against or pleads to the petition at or before the time set for the hearing.
- (a) Before the date set for the hearing, the clerk shall publish a copy of the order in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which the majority of the physical assets of the hospital are located at least once each week for 2 consecutive weeks, commencing with the first publication, which must be at least 20 days before the date set for the hearing. By these publications, all interested parties are made parties to the action and the court has jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if named in the petition as petitioners or defendants and personally served with process.
  - (b) At the hearing, the court shall

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