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See HB 961

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Sarasota County Public
3 Hospital Board, Sarasota County; amending
4 chapter 26468, Laws of Florida, 1949, as
5 amended, to provide that candidates for
6 hospital board seats shall be grouped by seat
7 as provided in the Florida Election Code;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1 of chapter
13 26468, Laws of Florida, 1949, as amended by chapter 86-373,
14 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

15 Section 1.

16 (3) The membership of the hospital board shall consist
17 of nine members, all of whom must be qualified electors of the
18 Sarasota County Public Hospital District. Commencing with the
19 election of 1988, two such members must reside in each of said
20 hospital board districts. All members shall be elected in a
21 partisan election by the qualified electors of the Sarasota
22 County Public Hospital District. Two members who are residents
23 of the southern district shall be elected to district seats in
24 1986 and every fourth year thereafter; two members who are
25 residents of the northern district shall be elected to
26 district seats in 1986 and every fourth year thereafter; one
27 member who is a resident of the central district shall be
28 elected to a district seat in 1986 and every fourth year
29 thereafter; one member who is a resident of the central
30 district shall be elected to a district seat in 1988 and every
31 fourth year thereafter; and three members shall be elected to

1 at-large seats in 1988 and every fourth year thereafter.
2 Candidates for the six district seats and the three at-large
3 seats shall ~~not~~ be numerically or otherwise grouped for a
4 specific seat on primary or general election ballots, as
5 provided in the Florida Election Code.~~although~~ Candidates for
6 district seats shall be placed in districts on primary and
7 general election ballots. In any year in which hospital board
8 district seats are to be filled, the hospital board district
9 (northern, central, or southern) shall be printed on the
10 ballot beneath the name of the office. The format of the
11 ballot shall be in conformity with the Florida Election Code.
12 ~~The names of candidates in the district shall be arranged~~
13 ~~thereunder, followed by printed words instructing the voters~~
14 ~~to vote for the number of candidates to be elected from such~~
15 ~~hospital board district in that year. In any year in which~~
16 ~~at-large seats are to filled, the names of candidates for the~~
17 ~~at-large seats shall be printed on the ballot beneath the name~~
18 ~~of the office in a single group, which shall be followed by~~
19 ~~printed words instructing the voters to vote for the number of~~
20 ~~candidates to be elected to at-large seats in that year.~~Four
21 members, who were elected for 4-year terms in the election of
22 November 1982, and one member who was elected for a 2-year
23 term in the election of 1984, shall serve until the expiration
24 of their terms of office; and five members shall be elected
25 for 4-year terms in 1986 and each fourth year thereafter. Four
26 members, who were elected for 4-year terms in the election of
27 November 1984, shall serve until the expiration of their terms
28 of office; and four members shall be elected for 4-year terms
29 in 1988 and each fourth year thereafter.

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