Florida House of Representatives - 2000

HB 1669

By Representatives Posey, Trovillion, Brummer, Starks, Johnson, Sublette, Reddick, Constantine and Suarez

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to Orange County; providing for
3	codification of special laws regarding special
4	districts pursuant to chapter 97-255, Laws of
5	Florida, relating to the West Orange Healthcare
6	District, an independent special tax district
7	of the State of Florida composed of the County
8	of Orange; providing legislative intent, and
9	codifying and reenacting chapter 26066, Laws of
10	Florida, 1949; chapter 57–1639, Laws of
11	Florida; chapter 61-2588, Laws of Florida;
12	chapter 67-1827, Laws of Florida; chapter
13	70-839, Laws of Florida; chapter 71-797, Laws
14	of Florida; chapter 76-452, Laws of Florida;
15	chapter 77-610, Laws of Florida; chapter
16	81-446, Laws of Florida; chapter 83-479, Laws
17	of Florida; chapter 85-476, Laws of Florida;
18	chapter 87-469, Laws of Florida; chapter
19	92-257, Laws of Florida; chapter 95-385, Laws
20	of Florida; chapter 95-484, Laws of Florida;
21	chapter 95-486, Laws of Florida; amending
22	chapter 93-385, Laws of Florida; changing the
23	term of the Board of Trustees; creating the
24	West Orange Healthcare District; providing
25	boundaries; providing for the governing body;
26	providing powers and duties; providing for a
27	quorum; providing for eminent domain;
28	authorizing the board to borrow money;
29	providing for bonds; providing procedures;
30	providing for the payment of expenses;
31	providing for an annual financial statement;
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1 providing rules; providing for liberal 2 construction; providing severability; providing 3 an effective date. 4 5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: б 7 Section 1. Pursuant to chapter 97-255, Laws of 8 Florida, this act constitutes the codification of all special 9 acts relating to the West Orange Healthcare District. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide 10 11 a single, comprehensive special act charter for the district, 12 including all current legislative authority granted to the 13 district by its several legislative enactments and any 14 additional authority granted by this act. 15 Section 2. Chapter 26066, Laws of Florida, 1949; 16 chapter 57-1639, Laws of Florida; chapter 61-2588, Laws of Florida; chapter 67-1827, Laws of Florida; chapter 70-839, 17 Laws of Florida; chapter 71-797, Laws of Florida; chapter 18 76-452, Laws of Florida; chapter 77-610, Laws of Florida; 19 20 chapter 81-446, Laws of Florida; chapter 83-479, Laws of Florida; chapter 85-476, Laws of Florida; chapter 87-469, Laws 21 22 of Florida; chapter 92-257, Laws of Florida; chapter 93-385, Laws of Florida; chapter 95-484, Laws of Florida; and chapter 23 95-486, Laws of Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended, and 24 25 repealed as herein provided. 26 Section 3. The West Orange Healthcare District is 27 re-created and the charter for such district is re-created and 28 reenacted to read: 29 Section 1. That a special tax district as hereby created and incorporated to be known as "West Orange 30 31

Healthcare District" in Orange County, Florida, which said 1 2 district shall embrace and include the following territory: 3 4 Beginning at the NE corner of Section 25, Township 21, S. Range 28 E, run thence South 5 along the Range line 4 miles to the SE Corner 6 7 of Section 12, Township 22, S. Range 28 E, 8 thence West along the Section line 4 miles to 9 the SW corner of Section 9, Township 22, S. Range 28 E, thence North along the Section line 10 2 miles to the NW corner of Section 4, Township 11 12 22, S, Range 28 E, thence West along the 13 Section line 2 miles more or less to the Shore 14 of Lake Apopka, at or near the NW corner of 15 Section 6, Township 22, S, Range 28 E, thence 16 North 2 miles to the NW corner of Section 30, 17 Township 21, S, Range 28 E, thence East along the Section line 6 miles to the point of 18 beginning, at the NE corner of Section 25, 19 20 Township 21, S, Range 28 E. 21 22 And 23 24 Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Section 16, Township 22, S, Range 27 E, with 25 26 the Shore of Lake Apopka, run thence South 27 along the Section line 15 miles more or less to 28 the South line of Orange County at the SE corner of Section 33, Township 24, S, Range 27 29 E, thence West along the South line of Orange 30 31 County 3 miles to the SW corner of Orange

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1	County, at the SW corner of Section 31,
2	Township 24, S, Range 27 E, thence North along
3	the West line of Orange County 14 1/2 miles
4	more or less to the intersection of the West
5	line of Section 19, Township 22, S, Range 27 E,
6	with the Shore of Lake Apopka, thence easterly
7	along the Shore of Lake Apopka to the point
8	thence easterly along the Shore of Lake Apopka
9	to the point thence easterly along the Shore of
10	Lake Apopka to the point of beginning, at the
11	intersection of the East line of Section 16,
12	Township 22, S, Range 27 E, with the Shore of
13	Lake Apopka.
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15	And
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17	Beginning at the NE corner of Section 36,
18	Township 22, S, Range 27 E, thence South along
19	the Range line 13 miles to the South line of
20	Orange County at the SE corner of Section 36,
21	Township 24, S, Range 27 E, thence West Along
22	the South line of Orange County 3 miles to the
23	SW corner of Section 34, Township 24, S, Range
24	27 E, thence North along the Section line 15
25	miles more or less to the Shore of Lake Apopka,
26	to the intersection with the North line of
27	Section 14, Township 22, S, Range 27 E, thence
28	East along the Section line to the NE corner of
29	the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 22, S, Range
30	27 E, thence South along the Quarter Section

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1	Section 36, Township 22, S, Range 27 E, thence
2	East along the Section line 1/2 mile to the
3	point of beginning, at the NE corner of Section
4	36, Township 22, S, Range 27 E.
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8	Beginning at the SE corner of Section 10,
9	Township 22, S, Range 28, E, run thence South
10	on Section line 3 miles to the SE corner of
11	Section 27, Township 22, S, Range 28, E, thence
12	West on the Section line 4 $1/2$ miles to the SW
13	corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township
14	22, S, Range 27 E, thence North along the
15	Quarter Section line 3 miles to the NE corner
16	of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 22, S,
17	Range 27 E, thence West along the Section 1,
18	Township 22, S, Range 27 E, thence East along
19	the Township line to the NE corner of Section
20	5, Township 22, S, Range 28 E, thence South
21	along the Section line 2 miles to the SE corner
22	of Section 8, Township 22, S, Range 28 E,
23	thence East along the Section line 2 miles to
24	the point of beginning, at the SE corner of
25	Section 10, Township 22, S, Range 28 E.
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29	Beginning at the NE corner of Section 34,
30	Township 22, S, Range 28 E, thence South on the
31	Section line 2 miles to the SE corner of
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1	Section 3, Township 23, S, Range 28 E, thence
2	West 4 miles to the SW corner of Section 6,
3	Township 23 S, Range 28 E, thence North on
4	Range line 2 miles to the NW corner of Section
5	31, Township 22, S, Range 28 E, thence East on
6	Section line 4 miles to place of beginning, at
7	the NE corner of Section 34, Township 22, S,
8	Range 28 E.
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10	And
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12	Beginning at the NE corner of Section 12,
13	Township 23, S, Range 28 E, run thence South
14	along the Range line 3 miles to the SE corner
15	of Section 24, Township 23, S, Range 28 E, then
16	West along the Section line 6 miles to the SW
17	corner of Section 19, Township 23, S, Range 28
18	E, thence North along the Range line 3 miles to
19	the NW corner of Section 7, Township 23, S,
20	Range 28 E, thence East along the Section line
21	6 miles to a point of beginning at the NE
22	corner of Section 12, Township 23, S, Range 28
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25	And
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27	Beginning at the NE corner of Section 25,
28	Township 23, S, Range 28 E, run thence South
29	along the Range line 8 miles to the South line
30	of Orange County at the SE corner of Section
31	36, Township 24, S, Range 28 E, thence West

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28 by the Chamber of Commerce of Gotha. In the event any of the	28
29 above named organizations ceases to exist, the nomination	29
30 shall come from any other nonprofit organization designated by	30
31 the Board of Trustees in the community or area affected. The	31

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successors of the Trustees first appointed shall be appointed 1 by the Governor for three (3) year terms, and the Legislature 2 here and now recommends to the Governor that such successors 3 be appointed upon the nomination of such Orange County 4 5 organizations the term of office of whose prior appointee has 6 expired. On July 1, 1971, the Board of Trustees shall be 7 increased from seven (7) Trustees to nine (9) Trustees to be 8 appointed by the Governor. The eighth Trustee shall be 9 appointed for a term to expire on September 24, 1972, and the ninth Trustee shall be appointed for a term to expire on 10 September 24, 1973. All successive terms shall be for three 11 (3) years, and without restricting or attempting to restrict 12 13 the appointive powers of the Governor, the Legislature 14 recommends to the Governor that the eighth and ninth Trustees 15 appointed by him or her be selected from persons who may be 16 nominated by the following Orange County organizations: the medical staff of the West Orange Memorial Hospital and the 17 West Orange Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. In the event any of 18 19 the above named organizations ceases to exist, the nominations 20 shall come from other nonprofit organizations designated by the Board of Trustees in the community or area affected. The 21 22 successors of the first Trustees appointed in 1971 shall be 23 appointed by the Governor for three (3) year terms, and the 24 Legislature here and now recommends to the Governor that such Trustees be appointed upon the nomination of such Orange 25 26 County organizations the term of office of whose prior 27 appointee has expired. On October 1, 1983, the Board of 28 Trustees shall be increased in number from nine (9) Trustees 29 to fifteen (15) Trustees to be appointed by the Governor. Without restricting or attempting to restrict the appointive 30 powers of the Governor, the Legislature recommends to the 31

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Governor that the six (6) additional Trustees appointed by him 1 2 or her be nominated by majority vote of the Board of Trustees of West Orange Healthcare District provided, however, that no 3 4 member of said Board of Trustees whose term is expiring shall 5 have any vote in the nomination of his or her successor. The tenth and eleventh Trustees shall be appointed for terms to 6 7 expire on September 30, 1984; the twelfth and thirteenth 8 Trustees shall be appointed for terms expiring on September 9 30, 1985; and the fourteenth and fifteenth Trustees shall be 10 appointed for terms expiring on September 30, 1986. The 11 successors of these six (6) additional Trustees shall be 12 appointed by the Governor for three (3) year terms, and the 13 Legislature here and now recommends to the Governor that such successors to these additional six (6) Trustees be appointed 14 upon the nomination of the Board of Trustees as set out above. 15 16 On October 1, 1992, the Board of Trustees shall be increased 17 in number from fifteen (15) to sixteen (16) Trustees to be appointed by the Governor. The additional Trustee shall be 18 19 appointed for a term expiring September 30, 1995, and all 20 successor terms shall be for three (3) years. Without 21 restricting or attempting to restrict the appointment powers 22 of the Governor, the Legislature recommends to the Governor that the additional Trustee appointed by him or her be 23 nominated by the Orange County Homeowners Association. In the 24 event that the Orange County Homeowners Association ceases to 25 exist, it is recommended that the nomination come either from 26 27 another nonprofit organization, or from a governmental body 28 located within the territory described in Section 1 above, 29 designated by the Board of Trustees. Beginning October 1, 2000, the successors of the Trustees first appointed shall be 30 appointed by the Governor for four (4) year terms and the 31

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Legislature here and now recommends to the Governor that such 1 2 successors be appointed upon the nomination of such Orange 3 County organizations, the term of office of whose prior appointee has existed. Any member of the Board of Trustees 4 5 hereinabove designated may be removed by the Governor at any 6 time for cause. A vacancy or vacancies caused by the death, 7 resignation, or removal of a Trustee or Trustees for cause 8 shall be filled by the appointment of the Governor of a 9 replacement to serve until the end of the term of the Trustee that the new appointee is replacing. The term of a Trustee 10 11 shall end on September 30 of the year in which the particular 12 Trustee's term ends which September 30 date is the end to the tax district's fiscal year, except a trustee who resigns or 13 14 dies or is removed by the Governor for cause, shall continue in office and shall serve until his or her successor is 15 appointed by the Governor. The members of the Board of 16 17 Trustees shall serve without pay. Each member shall give bond to the Governor and his or her successors in office for the 18 19 use and benefit of the West Orange Healthcare District for the 20 faithful performance of his or her duties in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) with a surety company qualified to 21 22 do business in the state as surety, which bond shall be approved and kept by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Orange 23 24 County. The premiums on the bonds shall be paid as part of the expenses of the district. Each person appointed from time to 25 26 time shall be duly qualified electors and residents residing 27 in said district in Orange County. If a member of the Board of 28 Trustees shall fail to maintain the required residence, a 29 vacancy shall exist on the board as if the member had resigned. Subsequent to the fiscal year ending September 30, 30 1999, any trustee who serves three (3) consecutive four (4) 31

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year terms after September 30, 1999, will not be eligible for 1 2 reappointment until he or she has been off the Board of Trustees for one (1) complete fiscal year. 3 4 Section 3. The Board of Trustees of said West Orange 5 Healthcare District shall have all the powers of a body 6 corporate including the power to sue and be sued under the 7 name of the West Orange Healthcare District, to contract and 8 to be contracted with, to adopt and use a common seal, and to 9 alter the same at pleasure; to acquire, purchase, hold, lease and convey such real and personal property as said Board of 10 11 Trustees may deem proper or expedient to carry out the 12 purposes of this act; to appoint and employ a chief executive 13 officer and such other agents and employees as said Board may 14 deem advisable; to borrow money and to issue the notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness of said district therefor 15 16 to carry out the provisions of this act in the manner 17 hereinafter provided. The Board of Trustees is authorized and empowered to own and operate an ambulance service within the 18 19 tax district. 20 Section 4. Five (5) of the trustees shall constitute a quorum, and a vote of at least five (5) of the trustees shall 21 22 be necessary to the transaction of any business, except as hereinafter provided, of the district. After the appointment 23 of the additional six (6) Trustees provided for in 1983, eight 24 (8) of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum and a vote of at 25 26 least eight (8) of the Trustees shall be necessary to the transaction of any business, except as hereinafter provided, 27 28 of the district. After the appointment of the additional Trustee provided for in 1992, nine (9) of the Trustees shall 29 constitute a quorum and a vote of at least nine (9) of the 30 Trustees shall be necessary to the transaction of any 31

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business, except as hereinafter provided, of the district. The 1 2 number of Trustees required for a quorum shall be reduced by one (1) Trustee and vote of Trustees needed to transact 3 business shall be reduced by one (1) Trustee for each two (2) 4 5 vacancies on the Board of Trustees as a result of: a death of 6 a Trustee or deaths of Trustees and/or resignation of a 7 Trustee or resignations of Trustees and/or removal of a 8 Trustee for cause by the Governor or removal of Trustees for 9 cause by the Governor. This reduction in the number of Trustees required for a quorum and in the number of Trustees 10 required to transact business for the District shall remain in 11 12 effect until the vacancies are filled by appointment of the 13 Governor. The Board of Trustees herein named shall have the power to select from among the membership thereof a Chair, a 14 Vice-Chair, and a Secretary and a Treasurer, and the Board 15 16 shall cause true and accurate minutes and records to be kept 17 of all business transacted by them, and shall keep full, true, and complete books of account and minutes, which minutes, 18 19 records, and books of account shall at all reasonable times be 20 open and subject to the inspection of inhabitants of the District. Any person desiring to do so may make or procure a 21 copy of the minutes, records, and books of account, or such 22 portions thereof as he or she may desire. 23 24 Section 5. Said Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to establish, purchase, sell, construct, 25 26 operate, and maintain such hospital or hospitals as in their 27 opinion shall be necessary for the use of the people of said 28 district. Said hospital, or hospitals, shall be established, purchased, sold, constructed, operated, and maintained by said 29 Board of Trustees for the preservation of the public health, 30 and for the public good, and for the use of the public of said 31

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district; and the construction, purchase, sale, and 1 maintenance of such hospital, or hospitals, within said 2 3 district, is hereby found and declared to be a public purpose and necessary for the preservation of the public health and 4 5 for the public use, and for the welfare of said district and б inhabitants thereof. The location of such hospital, or 7 hospitals, shall be determined by said Board of Trustees. For 8 the purposes of this act "hospital" or "hospitals" means one 9 (1) or more health care institutions, including hospitals, nursing homes, extended care institutions, outpatient care 10 institutions, institutions providing in-home health care for 11 12 patients, whether or not located in a single building, which 13 shall have all or some of the following: an organized medical 14 staff with permanent facilities that include inpatient beds, medical services including physicians' services and nursing 15 16 services for the purposes of diagnosis and treatment of patients who have a variety of medical conditions, inpatient 17 and outpatient emergency care facilities, and including the 18 19 furnishing and staffing of the foregoing with all necessary 20 professional and nonprofessional personnel. The definition of "hospital" or "hospitals" shall also mean and include any real 21 22 property or interest connection with its operations or proposed operations, including, without limitation, real 23 property thereof, a clinic, computer facility, food service 24 and preparation facility, health care facility, long-term care 25 26 facility, interns' residence, laboratory, laundry, maintenance 27 facility, nurses' residence, nursing home, nursing school, 28 office, professional office building, parking structure and 29 area, ambulance service and facilities in connection therewith, pharmacy, recreational facilities, research 30 facilities, storage facilities, utility, x-ray facilities, or 31

any combination of any of the foregoing, facilities to provide 1 2 in-home physical therapy, in-home skilled nursing, and other 3 types of in-home health care services facilities to provide health services and consulting services to other health care 4 5 facilities; and such other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for health care purposes, in 6 7 conducting of research, or the operation of a hospital or 8 other health care facility, including facilities or structures 9 essential or convenient for the orderly conduct of such hospital or other health care facility, and other similar 10 11 items necessary or convenient for the operation of a 12 particular facility or structure in the manner for which its 13 use is intended. 14 Section 6. The Board shall have the power of eminent domain, and may thereby condemn and acquire any real or 15 16 personal property which the Board may deem necessary for the 17 use of said district, whether within or without said district. Such power of condemnation shall be exercised in the same 18 19 manner as is now provided by the general law for the exercise 20 of the power of eminent domain by cities and towns of the 21 State of Florida. 22 Section 7. A. The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and empowered, in order to provide for and carry 23 24 out the work of this act, to borrow money from time to time for periods of time as determined by the board, and to issue 25 26 the note or notes, revenue bonds, certificates, or time 27 anticipation warrants of the district therefor and upon such 28 terms and bear such rates of interest, including, but not 29 limited to, variable rates as the board may deem advisable and which rates do not exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at 30 the time of issuance. The amount or amounts to be borrowed 31

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shall be determined by the Board of Trustees. The trustees may 1 2 secure the note or notes, revenue bonds, certificates, or time anticipation warrants by mortgages, liens, and other kinds of 3 security upon any assets, real, personal or tangible, owned or 4 5 held by the hospital board. 6 B. This section shall be deemed to provide an 7 additional and alternative method for the doing of the things 8 authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and 9 additional to powers conferred by other laws. Section 8. The Board of Trustees of said West Orange 10 11 Healthcare District is hereby authorized and empowered to 12 issue and to sell from time to time bonds of the district in 13 an amount or amounts determined by the Board of Trustees for 14 the purpose of raising funds to establish, construct, operate, and maintain such hospital or hospitals as in its opinion are 15 16 necessary in the district, and to purchase any privately owned hospital facilities which may be available whether completed 17 or not if the Board desires to do so; provided the issuance of 18 19 the bonds shall be approved by a majority of the qualified 20 electors voting in an election called for that purpose. The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to cause an election to 21 be held to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued, and 22 in so doing shall comply with the requirements of Section 12 23 24 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and shall comply with the general laws of the state regulating 25 26 bond elections of tax districts. In the event a majority of 27 the qualified electors voting in the election approve the 28 issuance of the bonds, then all such bonds issued, as herein 29 authorized, shall be of the denomination of one thousand (\$1,000) or multiple thereof, shall bear interest at such 30

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Board may deem advisable and which rates do not exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the times of issuance, and both principal and interest shall be payable at such times and at such place or places as the Board of Trustees may determine. The form of such bonds shall be fixed by the resolution of the Board of Trustees, and shall have the seal of the West Orange Healthcare District affixed thereto. Interest coupons shall be attached to the bonds and shall bear the facsimile of the signature of the chair of the board. Said bonds shall be due not less then five (5) nor more than forty (40) years from the date thereof, and may mature serially, as the Board of Trustees may determine, and may be callable at any time after five (5) years, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may determine and provide, and shall be exempt from all state, county, and city taxation. The notices of the calling of an election to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued shall contain information as to the amount of the bonds proposed to be issued, the interest rate to be paid and the time when such bonds shall be due and payable. All bonds issued by the West Orange Healthcare District shall have all the quality of negotiable paper under the law merchant, and shall not be invalidated for any irregularity or defect in the proceeding for the issue and

24 sale thereof, and shall be incontestable in the hands of bona

25 <u>fide purchasers or holders thereof for value. Upon the</u>

26 approval of any bond issue all the proceeds derived therefrom,

27 <u>exclusive of expenses, shall be deposited in a depository</u>
28 selected by the board.

29 Section 9. Prior to the issuance of such bonds, said

30 Board of Trustees shall, by resolution, determine the amount

31 which, in their opinion, may be necessary to be raised

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annually by taxation for an interest and sinking fund with 1 2 which to pay the interest and principal of said bonds. Said 3 Board, if said bond issue is approved at said election, is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to provide for the 4 5 collection annually of a sufficient tax upon all the taxable 6 property in said district to pay such interest and with which 7 to provide and maintain a sinking fund for the payment of the 8 principal of said bonds. 9 Section 10. The Board of Trustees shall offer said bonds for sale by notice stating the amount of bonds for sale, 10 rate of interest, and when due and payable by advertising once 11 12 a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper published in said 13 district. The Board of Trustees shall receive bids for the 14 purchase of said bonds or any part thereof on the day fixed by said notice, being not less than twenty (20) days from the 15 16 date of first publication. They shall have the right to reject any and all bids, and re-advertise the bonds or any portion 17 thereof remaining unsold. 18 19 Section 11. A bank, or banks, or other depository, or 20 depositories, to be designated by the Board of Trustees, shall receive and be custodian of the bonds and all money arising 21 22 from the sale of said bonds. 23 Section 12. The tax for the payment of interest and 24 principal of said bonds of the district shall be assessed and 25 collected upon the taxable property within the said district; 26 and the Trustees of said district shall receive and 27 immediately deposit with the depository, or depositories, to 28 be named by them, the proceeds of the sale of said bonds, as 29 well as the interest and sinking fund for the payment of interest and principal thereof. 30 31

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1	Section 13. The funds of said district shall be paid
2	out only upon warrant signed by the Chair of the Board and
3	countersigned by the Secretary of said Board, and no warrant
4	shall be drawn or issued against funds of said district except
5	for a purpose authorized by this Act, and no such warrant
6	against funds of said district shall be drawn or issued until
7	after the account or expenditures for which the same is to be
8	given in payment has been ordered and approved by the duly
9	designated Finance Committee of said Board of Trustees, which
10	shall be composed of three (3) or more members as determined
11	and when elected by the Board of Trustees.
12	Section 14. The Board is authorized to pay from the
13	funds of the district all expenses of the organization of said
14	Board and all expenses necessarily incurred with the formation
15	of said district and all other reasonable and necessary
16	expenses of the district including, but not limited to,
17	expense incurred for professional recruitment for the hospital
18	or hospitals, the fees and expenses of an attorney in the
19	transaction of the business of the district, and expenses in
20	carrying out an accomplishing any and all of the purposes of
21	this act. This section, however, shall not be construed to
22	limit or destroy any of the power vested in said Board of
23	Trustees by any other section or provision of this act.
24	Section 15. At least once in each year the Board of
25	Trustees shall make and file with the Clerk of the Circuit
26	Court of Orange County, a complete financial statement of all
27	moneys received and disbursed by them since the creation of
28	the District as to the first statement so filed, and since the
29	last statement so filed as to any other year. Such statements
30	shall also show the several sources from which said funds were
31	received and shall show the balance on hand at the time of the
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making of such statement. It shall show a complete statement 1 2 of the financial condition of the district. Notice of its being filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Orange 3 County, Florida, shall be published in a newspaper regularly 4 published in Orange County, Florida, and shall be made 5 6 available at all reasonable times to inhabitants of the 7 district for their inspection. For the fiscal year of the 8 District ending September 30, 1992, and for each fiscal year 9 of the District thereafter, a copy of such financial statement shall also be sent to the Chairman of the Orange County 10 Legislative Delegation on or about the date of such financial 11 12 statement is filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of 13 Orange County. 14 Section 16. The Board of Trustees shall have plenary authority to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the 15 16 regulation of the hospital, or hospitals, and the admission 17 for treatment of patients therein, and shall have the authority and shall make rules and regulations regarding the 18 admission into the hospital of treatment of such indigent sick 19 20 in the County who apply for entrance, and who are residents of the district. The Board shall formulate rules and regulations 21 22 as to the price to be charged patients who enter the hospital and to provide for the collection thereof. Charity services 23 24 rendered to the indigent sick shall at no time be permitted by the Board of Trustees to such an extent as to impair the 25 26 financial security of the district, or the economical and 27 efficient operation of any hospital or hospitals established 28 and operated in said district. The Board shall have power to 29 establish rules and regulations in regard to admission of patients into the hospital who are not residents of the 30 district, but who pay the rates established by the Board. The 31

Board shall have the power further to furnish and extend the 1 benefits and privileges of such hospital and clinics and 2 3 treatment and out-patient department to the homes of the indigent residents of the district. The Board shall in all 4 5 instances attempt to collect as nearly the amount established 6 as its regular rates as is feasible under the circumstances, 7 but, to the extent that the district is financially able in 8 the opinion of the Board, hospital services hall be furnished 9 to all who make application thereof; but all charity treatments shall be completely under the regulation of the 10 11 Board, and the amount of free services rendered may be limited 12 by the Board. 13 Section 17. It is intended that the provisions of the Act shall be literally construed for accomplishing the work 14 15 authorized and provided for by this Act, and where strict 16 construction would result in the defeat of the accomplishments 17 of any part of the work authorized by this Act, and a liberal construction would permit or assist in the accomplishment 18 thereof, the liberal construction shall be chosen. 19 20 Section 18. Any clause or section of this Act, which for any reason may be held or declared invalid, may be 21 22 eliminated and the remaining portion or portions thereof shall be and remain in full force and be valid, as if such invalid 23 24 clause or section had not been incorporated therein. Section 19. Any and all bonds issued under the 25 26 provisions of this Act may be validated by the Board of 27 Trustees for said West Orange Healthcare District under and in 28 accordance with the provision of the General Laws of Florida, 29 in the same manner as is therein provided for validation of bonds, etc., by any county, municipality, taxing district, 30 etc., of the State of Florida. 31

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1	Section 20. The Trustees of said West Orange
2	Healthcare District, in the administration of the business of
3	the district and of the hospital, or hospitals, herein
4	authorized to be established, shall have the power to select
5	from among its members, or otherwise, as it sees fit, a
6	committee of three or more members as determined by the Board
7	of Trustees, one of whom shall be the chair of the Board of
8	Trustees, which committee shall be known as the Executive
9	Committee, and said Executive Committee is herein and hereby
10	granted power and, with the exception of such restrictions as
11	are contained in this act, such grant of authority and
12	supervision as in the opinion of the Board of Trustees is fit
13	and proper, and under which said Executive Committee may, with
14	the exception of financial expenditures and the hiring of
15	employees, exercise under the supervision of the Board of
16	Trustees all such authority, supervision, and control in the
17	actual operations of any hospital or hospitals created as in
18	the opinion of the Board of Trustees shall under the
19	circumstances seem necessary.
20	Section 21. The Board shall have full power and
21	authority to accept all grants, benefits, devices, donations,
22	contributions, gifts, bequests, and offerings made to it for
23	the use of the Board in carrying out the purposes of this Act.
24	Section 22. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
25	herewith are herein and hereby repealed.
26	Section 23. In order that the citizens and residents
27	of the District may receive quality health care and, in
28	furtherance of the purposes of this act, the Board of Trustees
29	shall have the authority to form or reorganize as a
30	not-for-profit corporation and to enter into contracts and
31	lease agreements, and to convey real and personal property
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1	with or to a not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of
2	operating, staffing, servicing, and managing the hospital and
3	any or all of its facilities of whatsoever kind and nature.
4	Section 4. Except as specifically reenacted herein,
5	chapter 26066, Laws of Florida, 1949; chapter 57-1639, Laws of
6	Florida; chapter 61-2588, Laws of Florida; chapter 67-1827,
7	Laws of Florida; chapter 70-839, Laws of Florida; chapter
8	71-797, Laws of Florida; chapter 76-452, Laws of Florida;
9	chapter 77-610, Laws of Florida; chapter 81-446, Laws of
10	Florida; chapter 83-479, Laws of Florida; chapter 85-476, Laws
11	of Florida; chapter 87-469, Laws of Florida; chapter 92-257,
12	Laws of Florida; chapter 93-385, Laws of Florida; chapter
13	95-484, Laws of Florida; and chapter 95-486, Laws of Florida,
14	are hereby repealed.
15	Section 5. In the event any section, or provision of
16	this act is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such
17	determination shall not affect the validity of or
18	enforceability of each other section and provision of this
19	act.
20	Section 6. In the event of a conflict of the
21	provisions of this act, with the provisions of any other act,
22	the provisions of this act shall control to the extent of such
23	conflict.
24	Section 7. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.
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