

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to Holmes County; amending chapter 30843,
3 Laws of Florida (1955), as amended, relating to the Holmes
4 County Hospital Corporation; revising provisions relating
5 to the corporation's issuance of bonds to construct and
6 erect a new hospital facility in Holmes County; repealing
7 various provisions of said chapter; requiring a
8 referendum; 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. Section 1 of chapter 30843, Laws of Florida
13 (1955), as amended, is amended to read:

14 Section 1. There is hereby created a public non-profit
15 corporation which is hereby designated the Holmes County
16 Hospital Corporation, for the purpose of establishing, acquiring
17 or constructing, erecting, equipping, maintaining and operating
18 ~~at Bonifay,~~ in Holmes County a public hospital primarily for the
19 benefit of the citizens and residents of Holmes County, Florida,
20 which hospital shall be known as Holmes County Hospital; and
21 authority is hereby given for said corporation to establish,
22 acquire or construct, erect, equip, maintain and operate a
23 public hospital ~~at Bonifay,~~ in Holmes County, Florida, to be
24 known as Holmes County Hospital, such hospital to provide as
25 many beds as practicable and said corporation is further
26 authorized from time to time, when practicable, to extend,
27 enlarge and otherwise increase the size of said hospital and the
28 services to be rendered to the public by said hospital.

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29 Section 2. Subsection (i) of section 3 of chapter 30843,
30 Laws of Florida (1955), as amended, is amended to read:

31 Section 3.

32 (i) The board of trustees shall make and adopt such by-
33 laws and rules and regulations for their own guidance and for
34 the government of the hospital as may be deemed expedient for
35 the economic and equitable conduct thereof, not inconsistent
36 with this law ~~or the city ordinances of Bonifay, Florida,~~
37 wherein such hospital is located. They shall have exclusive
38 control of the expenditures of all moneys collected to the
39 credit of the hospital fund.

40 Section 3. Section 12 of chapter 30843, Laws of Florida
41 (1955), as amended, is amended to read:

42 Section 12. Immediately upon this act becoming a law and
43 the trustees of said Holmes County Hospital Corporation are
44 appointed and duly qualified, the said corporation shall be
45 authorized to transact business and enter into contract looking
46 to the establishment of the hospital herein provided for, to
47 incur liabilities; borrow money at such rates of interest as the
48 trustees may determine; issue its notes, bonds, or other
49 obligations; and secure any of its obligations by mortgage,
50 pledge, or assignment of all or any of its properties,
51 franchises, or income and may, without rendering the corporation
52 ~~liable beyond the sources of money pledged, borrow money giving~~
53 ~~security therefor the bonds provided for herein.~~

54 Section 4. Section 15 of chapter 30843, Laws of Florida
55 (1955), as amended, is amended to read.

56 Section 15. (1) The trustees of Holmes County Hospital
57 Corporation are authorized to issue bonds or to have bonds
58 issued payable from legally available revenues, pledge therefore
59 property sufficient to pay the principal and interest as the
60 same become due on such bonds, which shall be in such form and
61 denomination bearing an interest rate that does not exceed that
62 authorized by general law. The form of such bonds shall be fixed
63 by resolution of the board of trustees of Holmes County Hospital
64 Corporation or the issuer and the bonds shall be signed by the
65 chair of the board countersigned by the secretary of the board
66 under the seal of the board of trustees of Holmes County
67 Hospital Corporation or as authorized by the issuer. Coupons, or
68 such legal requirements as to the issuer of bonds requires if
69 any, shall be executed by the facsimile signature of said
70 officers or the issuers. The delivery, at any subsequent date of
71 any bond and coupon so executed shall be valid, although before
72 the date of delivery, the person signing such bonds or coupons
73 shall cease to hold office or is authorized by the issuer.

74 (2) The bonds may be issued in the form and manner as
75 determined by the board of trustees of Holmes County Hospital
76 Corporation, not inconsistent with general law or the issuer,
77 which is consistent with general law. This act shall be
78 construed to provide complete authority to issue debt in any
79 reasonable form and manner as determined by the board of
80 trustees of Holmes County Hospital Corporation that are not
81 inconsistent with general law.

82 (3) No resolution or proceeding in respect to the issuance
83 of bonds hereunder shall be necessary. ~~The bonds authorized~~

84 ~~herein shall in no event exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand~~
 85 ~~dollars (\$175,000.00) for the construction of the Holmes county~~
 86 ~~hospital authorized herein and all proceeds from such bond sale~~
 87 ~~remaining in the hands of the Holmes county hospital corporation~~
 88 ~~after payment of all costs of construction of the hospital as~~
 89 ~~herein authorized shall be used by said corporation for~~
 90 ~~equipping, operating and maintaining such county hospital in~~
 91 ~~connection with the hospital program outlined herein.~~

92 Section 5. Section 18 of chapter 30843, Laws of Florida
 93 (1955), as amended, is amended to read:

94 Section 18. The board shall have the power of eminent
 95 domain and may thereby condemn and acquire any real or personal
 96 property ~~within the city limits of Bonifay, Florida,~~ which the
 97 board may deem necessary for the use of said hospital
 98 corporation such power of condemnation shall be exercised in the
 99 same manner as is now provided by the general law for the
 100 exercise of the power of eminent domain by cities and towns of
 101 the state of Florida.

102 Section 6. Sections 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, and 27
 103 of chapter 30843, Laws of Florida (1955), as amended, are
 104 repealed.

105 Section 7. On or before December 30, 2006, the Holmes
 106 County Hospital Corporation shall call and the Supervisor of
 107 Elections of Holmes County shall conduct, in accordance with the
 108 provisions of law relating to elections currently in force, a
 109 referendum of the qualified voters of Holmes County on the
 110 question of whether the Holmes County Hospital Corporation shall
 111 amend its charter to increase the corporation's bonding

112 authority to construct a new hospital facility in Holmes County
113 pursuant to section 4 of this act.

114 Section 8. This act shall take effect only if a majority
115 of those qualified electors of Holmes County voting in the
116 referendum held pursuant to this act approve the referendum
117 question in accordance with section 7, except that this section
118 and section 7 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.