

26 | district; and the inclusion of certain powers, such as the power
27 | to contract or to issue bonds.

28 | (3) The Legislature finds that, consistent with the
29 | creation of other independent special hospital districts by
30 | special act during the period prior to the adoption of the
31 | present Florida Constitution in 1968, the Legislature enacted
32 | chapter 61-2290, Laws of Florida, creating the Campbellton-
33 | Graceville Hospital District in Jackson County. The governing
34 | body created for the district was a nonprofit public body
35 | corporate and politic called the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital
36 | Corporation, the trustees of which are public officers appointed
37 | by the Governor to exercise the powers of the district. The
38 | purpose of the district and the governing body was to build,
39 | erect, equip, maintain, and operate a public hospital in Jackson
40 | County.

41 | (4) The Legislature finds and reconfirms that the intent
42 | of ch. 61-2290, Laws of Florida, was to create the Campbellton-
43 | Graceville Hospital District as a public unit of special local
44 | government for the sole benefit of the people within the
45 | boundaries of the district and to provide effective governance
46 | for that district, and not to create a private, nonprofit
47 | corporation separate and distinct from the district regardless
48 | of the terms used in the act, so that the Campbellton-Graceville
49 | Hospital Corporation is and has been at all times solely the

50 board of public officers appointed to exercise the powers and
51 authority of the district.

52 (5) The Legislature further finds the Campbellton-
53 Graceville Hospital District has been funded wholly or in part
54 by annual ad valorem tax levies authorized in chapter 61-2290,
55 Laws of Florida, and as a consequence all property associated
56 with the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital, real, personal, or
57 mixed, including intangible personal property such as claims and
58 causes of action, are derived solely from the taxing district
59 and remain held and managed in trust for the constituents of the
60 taxing district.

61 Section 2. Notwithstanding chapter 155, Florida Statutes,
62 or any other general or special law to the contrary, and except
63 as provided in this act, the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital
64 District may complete the sale of the Campbellton-Graceville
65 Hospital facility to Northwest Florida Healthcare, Inc., which
66 sale shall comply with the requirements of s. 155.40(7)(a)1.
67 through 5., Florida Statutes. After payment of all valid liens
68 against the assets being sold and the other valid outstanding
69 debts of the district, all remaining funds shall remain with the
70 district.

71 Section 3. Notwithstanding s. 155.40, Florida Statutes, or
72 any other general or special law to the contrary, upon
73 completion of the sale of the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital
74 facilities the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital District shall

75 | not be dissolved but shall remain in full operation and
76 | possession of all powers to be exercised solely to wind down its
77 | affairs.

78 | Section 4. On the date the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital
79 | District closes on the sale of the Campbellton-Graceville
80 | Hospital facilities, sections 4 and 5 of chapter 61-2290, Laws
81 | of Florida, are repealed and the authority of the Board of
82 | County Commissioners of Jackson County to impose any ad valorem
83 | taxes for the maintenance and operation of the Campbellton-
84 | Graceville Hospital is terminated.

85 | Section 5. This act shall take effect only upon the date
86 | of an order dismissing or converting to a proceeding under
87 | chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. ss.
88 | 901-946, that case no. 17-40185-KKS pending in the United States
89 | Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida and styled
90 | "In re: Campbellton-Graceville Hospital Corporation," except
91 | that section 1 and this section shall take effect upon becoming
92 | a law.