1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital
3	District, Jackson County; providing an exception to
4	general law; providing legislative findings;
5	authorizing the sale of assets by the district;
6	providing for district to wind down its affairs after
7	such sale; repealing certain parts of ch. 61-2290,
8	Laws of Florida; terminating district authority to
9	impose ad valorem taxes; providing an effective date.
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13	Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that prior to the
14	standardization of general law governing the formation,
15	authority, and operation of special districts in 1989, the
16	Legislature created numerous types of special districts by
17	special act.
18	(2) The Legislature finds many special districts created
19	by special act had certain elements in common, including a
20	boundary description; the creation of a governing body with the
21	powers of a nonprofit body corporate to administer the authority
22	of the district; the election or appointment by the Governor of
23	individuals to the district governing body variously denominated
24	as supervisors, commissioners, or trustees; enumeration of the
25	purpose and powers of the district; the methods of funding the

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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

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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

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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.

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