

Introduced by Senator CogdillFebruary 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 32130.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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SB 1458, as introduced, Cogdill. Hospital districts.

Existing law, The Local Health Care District Law, provides for the formation of hospital districts, provides for appointments of their governing boards, and sets forth their powers and duties.

Existing law authorizes a district to enter into a line of credit with a commercial lender that is secured, in whole or in part, by the accounts receivable or other intangible assets of the district, including anticipated tax revenues, and thereafter borrow funds against the line of credit to be used for any district purpose. Existing law requires this line of credit to be repaid within 5 years, except that it permits money borrowed under a line of credit established on or after January 1, 2010, for the sole purpose of consolidating debts incurred by a district prior to January 1, 2010, to be repaid within 20 years. Existing law establishes a maximum of \$2,000,000 at any one time under this line of credit.

This bill would recast these provisions to apply the \$2,000,000 maximum only to the consolidated line of credit incurred after January 1, 2010.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 32130.6 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:

3 32130.6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a district
4 may do any of the following by resolution adopted by a majority
5 of the district board:

6 (a) (1) Enter into a line of credit with a commercial lender that
7 is secured, in whole or in part, by the accounts receivable or other
8 intangible assets of the district, including anticipated tax revenues,
9 and thereafter borrow funds against the line of credit to be used
10 for any district purpose.

11 ~~(1)~~

12 (2) Any money borrowed under this line of credit *pursuant to*
13 *paragraph (1)* shall be repaid within five years from each separate
14 borrowing or draw upon the line of credit, ~~except that any money~~
15 ~~borrowed under a line of credit established on or after January 1,~~
16 ~~2010, for the sole purpose of consolidating debts incurred by a~~
17 ~~district prior to January 1, 2010, shall be repaid within 20 years~~
18 ~~from each separate borrowing or draw upon the line of credit. The~~
19 ~~total amount of debt that a district may have outstanding at any~~
20 ~~one time under this line of credit shall not exceed the amount of~~
21 ~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000).~~

22 ~~(2)~~

23 (3) The district may enter into a new and separate line of credit
24 to repay a previous line of credit *pursuant to paragraph (1)*,
25 provided that the district complies with this section in entering
26 into a new line of credit.

27 (4) *Enter into a line of credit with a commercial lender for the*
28 *sole purpose of consolidating debt incurred by the district prior*
29 *to January 1, 2010. Debt incurred under this paragraph shall be*
30 *repaid within 20 years of the consolidation borrowing. The total*
31 *amount of debt that a district may have outstanding at any one*
32 *time under this paragraph shall not exceed the amount of two*
33 *million dollars (\$2,000,000).*

34 (b) Enter into capital leases for the purchase by the district of
35 equipment to be used for any district purpose.

36 (1) The term of any capital lease shall not be longer than 10
37 years.

1 (2) The district may secure the purchase of equipment by a
2 capital lease by giving the lender a security interest in the
3 equipment leased under the capital lease.

4 (c) Enter into lease-purchase agreements for the purchase by
5 the district of real property, buildings, and facilities to be used for
6 any district purpose. The term of any lease-purchase agreement
7 shall not exceed 10 years.

8 (d) Nothing in this section shall provide the district with the
9 authority to increase taxes in order to repay a line of credit
10 established pursuant to subdivision (a) unless the tax is passed
11 pursuant to Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 53750) of
12 Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government
13 Code.

14 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
15 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
16 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
17 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

18 In order to maximize the benefit to local health districts, at the
19 earliest possible time, thereby facilitating the provision of health
20 care services, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.