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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 72**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members ~~Member Bonta and Atkins~~**  
*(Coauthor: Senator Hancock)*

December 18, 2014

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An act to add *and repeal* Article 4 (commencing with Section 32250) ~~to~~ of Chapter 3 of Division 23 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care ~~districts~~: *districts, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 72, as amended, Bonta. Eden Township Healthcare District: special taxes: authorization.

Existing law provides for the formation of local health care districts and specifies district powers. The California Constitution prohibits the Legislature from imposing taxes for local purposes, but allows the Legislature to authorize local governments to impose them.

~~This bill~~ *bill, until January 1, 2026*, would authorize the Eden Township Healthcare District to impose special taxes, as provided.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Eden Township Healthcare District.

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

Vote: ~~majority~~ <sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 32250) is  
2 added to Chapter 3 of Division 23 of the Health and Safety Code,  
3 to read:

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Article 4. Special Taxes

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7 32250. (a) Subject to Section 4 of Article XIII A and Article  
8 XIII C of the California Constitution, the Eden Township  
9 Healthcare District may impose special taxes within the district  
10 pursuant to the procedures established in Article 3.5 (commencing  
11 with Section 50075) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title  
12 5 of the Government Code and any other applicable procedures  
13 provided by law. *The board of directors shall determine the basis  
14 and nature of a special tax and its manner of collection.*

15 (b) For purposes of this section, “special taxes” means special  
16 taxes that apply uniformly to all taxpayers or all real property  
17 within the district.

18 (c) *It is the intent of the legislature that funds from a tax enacted  
19 pursuant to this section be used to support the purposes of the  
20 district, including support of nonprofit and public hospitals and  
21 other health care providers in the communities served by the  
22 district.*

23 32251. *This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
24 2026, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
25 that is enacted before January 1, 2026, deletes or extends that  
26 date.*

27 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
28 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
29 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
30 Constitution because of the unique circumstances of the Eden  
31 Township Healthcare District.

32 SEC. 3. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
33 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
34 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
35 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

- 1 *In order to ensure that the residents of the Eden Township*
- 2 *Healthcare District have continued access to critical health care*
- 3 *services, it is necessary that this measure take effect immediately.*

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