

1 SENATE BILL 76

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO SPECIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICTS; CREATING THE SIERRA  
12 COUNTY SPECIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. A new section of the Special Hospital District  
16 Act is enacted to read:

17 "[NEW MATERIAL] SIERRA COUNTY SPECIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT.--

18 A. The legislature determines that:

19 (1) the current ownership and financial  
20 control of Sierra Vista hospital in Sierra county is no longer  
21 in the best interests of the health care of the residents of  
22 Sierra county;

23 (2) the health care of the residents of Sierra  
24 county would be better served by a special hospital district;  
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1                   (3) the general law of the Special Hospital  
2 District Act cannot be invoked to create a special hospital  
3 district in a timely manner to protect the health care of the  
4 residents of Sierra county.

5                   B. The "Sierra county special hospital district" is  
6 hereby created by act of the legislature. The district  
7 consists of all of Sierra county.

8                   C. Following the effective date of the provisions  
9 of this section:

10                   (1) the board of county commissioners and  
11 county clerk of Sierra county may take that action necessary  
12 and in substantial compliance with the Special Hospital  
13 District Act to provide for the election of a board of  
14 trustees, including a determination of whether the initial  
15 board of trustees shall be elected at-large or from single-  
16 member districts; and

17                   (2) the Sierra county special hospital  
18 district shall be subject to the provisions of the Special  
19 Hospital District Act other than those pertaining to the  
20 creation of a district."