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Opinions

**Opinion No. KP-0062**

The Honorable Larry Phillips

Chair, Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety

Texas House of Representatives

Post Office Box 2910

Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Questions relating to the position of Vice Chairman on the Maverick County Hospital District Board of Directors (RQ-0044-KP)

**S U M M A R Y**

A court would likely conclude that the position of vice chair on the board of the Maverick County Hospital District is valid.

Absent guidance from chapter 1118 of the Special District Local Laws Code, questions regarding the role and duties of the vice chair upon the resignation of the chair are for the District's board to resolve.

**Opinion No. KP-0063**

The Honorable Jane Nelson

Chair, Committee on Finance

Texas State Senate

Post Office Box 12068

Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: Whether a water supply district may assign to another district certain duties and rights, including approval of the annual budget and contracting for certain services (RQ-0045-KP)

**S U M M A R Y**

A governmental entity may not delegate its legislatively entrusted authority to another entity except as authorized by the Legislature. A court would likely conclude that one water district may contract for another water district to perform the rights, powers, and duties of the first only to the extent the contract is authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, section 49.213 of the Water Code, or other state law and does not abrogate the first district's fiscal responsibilities under section 49.067 of the Water Code.

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