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## Opinions

### **Opinion No. KP-0513**

The Honorable Layne Thompson  
Angelina County District Attorney  
Post Office Box 908  
Lufkin, Texas 75902-0908  
Re: Enforceability of bond conditions (RQ-0571-KP)

### **S U M M A R Y**

Based on a plain reading of the relevant provisions of Chapter 17 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, bond conditions are effective when a defendant gives the bond ordered by the magistrate and may not be enforced prior to that time.

Bond conditions are not enforceable after revocation of the bond and rearrest of the defendant.

### **Opinion No. KP-0514**

The Honorable Lilli A. Hensley  
Sterling County Attorney  
Post Office Box 88  
Sterling City, Texas 76951  
Re: Performance and payment bond requirements under Government Code §2253.021 (RQ-0588-KP)

### **S U M M A R Y**

Subsection 2253.021(a) of the Government Code obligates a county to require a prime contractor to execute a performance and payment bond.

### **Opinion No. KP-0515**

The Honorable Matthew A. Mills  
Hood County Attorney  
1200 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048

Re: Interpretation and application of certain provisions in Tax Code chapter 26 and Special District Local Laws Code chapter 1042 to a hospital district (RQ-0593-KP)

### **S U M M A R Y**

Hood County Hospital District's authority to impose a property tax under Special District Local Laws Code Chapter 1042 does not conflict with the voters' ability to limit a tax-rate increase under Tax Code section 26.07.

A county's obligation to provide health care services and assistance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 61.022 does not apply to a person who resides in the service area of a hospital district.

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