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SENATOR FLOOD: The board that oversees the operation of that district would be elected. And then I believe that board then would elect its chief.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who is allowed to vote? And first of all, do they have regular elections?

SENATOR FLOOD: Patrons of the district would be allowed to vote.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And those would be only the persons within the boundary of this rural or suburban fire district?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they have to be registered voters before they can vote?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is a hospital district?

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: A hospital district is a subdivision recognized by statute that can issue bonds to build a hospital or to build a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Well, who is voted for in a hospital district?

SENATOR FLOOD: If created, if a hospital district has been created, the patrons of the community that the hospital is located in. I said the eligible voters in the community that the hospital is located.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are there boundaries of this hospital district?