

ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE PROPOSALS.

19-113.

(A) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OR BODIES OF 1 OR MORE ADJACENT COUNTIES THAT CONSTITUTE A HEALTH SERVICE AREA MAY ESTABLISH A BODY TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE HEALTH SERVICE AREA, BY:

(I) MAKING A JOINT AGREEMENT AS TO THE PURPOSE, STRUCTURE, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PROPOSED BODY; AND

(II) EACH ENACTING AN ORDINANCE THAT DESIGNATES THE PROPOSED BODY TO BE THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE COUNTY.

(2) THE BODY SO ESTABLISHED BECOMES THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY IF THE COMMISSION DESIGNATES THE BODY AS A HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY.

(B) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL EXERCISE ALL OF THE POWERS OF THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY THAT, BY LAW, AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTIES, OR BYLAWS OF THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY, ARE NOT CONFERRED ON OR RESERVED TO THE COUNTIES OR TO ANOTHER STRUCTURE WITHIN THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY.

(C) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY:

(1) SUE AND BE SUED;

(2) MAKE CONTRACTS;

(3) INCUR NECESSARY OBLIGATIONS, WHICH MAY NOT CONSTITUTE THE OBLIGATIONS OF ANY COUNTY IN THE HEALTH SERVICE AREA;

(4) ACQUIRE, HOLD, USE, IMPROVE, AND OTHERWISE DEAL WITH PROPERTY;

(5) ELECT OFFICERS AND APPOINT AGENTS, DEFINE THEIR DUTIES, AND SET THEIR COMPENSATION;

(6) ADOPT AND CARRY OUT AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN;

(7) ADOPT BYLAWS TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS; AND

(8) USE THE HELP OF ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC AGENCY TO CARRY OUT THE PLANS AND POLICIES OF THE LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY.