

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 389
By: Bell
County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note the need to change the date of the election for the board of directors of the Montgomery County Hospital District to better serve constituents and save money through efficiency and economics of scale by conducting the election concurrently with elections for other offices. The parties also note that certain competitive bidding requirements among hospital districts are inconsistent. H.B. 389 seeks to address these needs.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 389 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the date of the board of directors election of the Montgomery County Hospital District from the uniform election date in May of each even-numbered year to the uniform election date in November of those years. The bill changes the date on which a director's four-year term expires from the second Tuesday in June to the last day of December. The bill requires the district's board of directors to adjust the terms of office to conform to the election date change.

H.B. 389 authorizes a district construction contract that involves the expenditure of more than the amount provided by Local Government Code provisions relating to a competitive procurement procedure that is applicable to a contract to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by Local Government Code provisions governing competitive bidding on certain public works contracts and removes the authorization for a district construction contract that involves the expenditure of more than \$10,000 to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by Local Government Code provisions relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities and the County Purchasing Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.