

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1908  
By: Perry  
County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that a number of years ago the board of directors of the Lynn County Hospital District requested a change in the district's enabling legislation to remove wording that provided for a district bond election. The change was made and the district can no longer sell bonds for capital improvement. The parties note, however, that with cuts in reimbursements and increased costs for operations the district runs the risk of losing its hospital if the district cannot rely on the citizens to support capital improvement through the selling of bonds. S.B. 1908 seeks to address this issue.

### **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**

S.B. 1908 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to require general obligation bonds of the Lynn County Hospital District to be authorized by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose before the district may issue the bonds. The bill requires the order calling the election to provide for clerks as in county elections and to specify the date of the election, the location of the polling places, the presiding and alternate election judges for each polling place, the amount of the bonds to be authorized, the maximum interest rate of the bonds, and the maximum maturity of the bonds. The bill requires notice of a bond election to be given as provided by specified statutory bond election provisions.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.