

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 468
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the bureaucratic burden placed on both the Collingsworth County Hospital District and the county with regard to the purchase and disposition of district property. H.B. 468 seeks to address these concerns by granting the district certain authority with regard to district property.

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. 468 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to require the board of directors of the Collingsworth County Hospital District to determine the type of equipment necessary for hospital care and to require the board to determine the type, number, and location of facilities required to maintain an adequate hospital system.

H.B. 468 authorizes the board to acquire by purchase, lease, or lease to purchase or to construct, repair, or renovate property, including facilities or equipment, for use in the district's hospital system and authorizes the board to mortgage or pledge the property as security for the purchase price.

H.B. 468 authorizes the board to lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of all or part of the district's property for the district, including facilities or equipment, to a public or private entity. The bill authorizes the district, through its board, to contract with any person to manage or operate a district facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.