

**SUBJECT:** Allowing hospital districts to vote for appraisal board directors

**COMMITTEE:** Ways & Means — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 11 ayes — Meyer, Thierry, Button, Craddick, Gervin-Hawkins, Hefner, Muñoz, Noble, Raymond, Shine, Turner

0 nays

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jennifer Banda, Texas Hospital Association; Brian Yarbrough, Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Allison Mansfield, Comptroller of Public Accounts)

**BACKGROUND:** Concerns have been raised that hospital districts are not currently allowed to participate in the selection of members of the local appraisal district's board of directors although hospital districts are local taxing units.

**DIGEST:** HB 4172 would include hospital districts in the list of entities that vote for members of an appraisal district's board of directors. The bill also would require the chief appraiser to deliver a notice of voting entitlement to the presiding officer of the governing body and the hospital administrator of each hospital district participating in the appraisal district.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023. The bill would apply only to the selection of appraisal district directors for terms that began on or after January 1, 2024.