

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

The 64th Legislature created the Val Verde County Hospital District and establishes the district's operating procedures. This bill updates the original guidelines first established in 1975 regarding the operations of the Val Verde County Hospital District.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2629 sets forth provisions regarding contracts executed by and the election of the board of directors of the Val Verde County Hospital District.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 658, Acts of the 64th legislature, Regular Session, 1975, by adding Section 4A, as follows:

Sec. 4A. Prohibits a write-in vote from being counted under certain conditions in a general or special election. Requires a candidate to make a declaration of write-in candidacy to be entitled to a place on the list of write-in candidates. Requires a declaration of write-in candidacy to be filed with the secretary of the board of directors by a certain time. Sets forth a provision in the event a candidate on the write-in ballot dies or is declared ineligible after a certain date.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11, Chapter 658, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975, to authorize all contracts for construction involving the expenditure of more than \$15,000, rather than \$10,000, or for certain purchases to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by Chapter 252, Local Government Code, rather than Chapter 153, Acts of the 42nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1931. Requires the provisions of Chapter 2253, Government Code, rather than Article 5160, V.T.C.S., as amended, relating to performance and payment bonds, to apply to construction contracts led by the Val Verde County Hospital District.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.