

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Val Verde County Hospital District (VVCHD) operates under rules which have been amended in 1983, 1991, and 1997. The VVCHD board of directors (board) has expressed the desire to make the rules consistent with current practices. H.B. 1374 would modify the qualifications of the board directors; establish a new filing deadline for write-in candidates for VVCHD elections; increase the maximum amount that the VVCHD board may purchase or expend without advertising; and subject constructions and purchasing expenditures greater than \$15,000 to the advertising requirements practiced by counties throughout the state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1374 sets forth provisions regarding 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 Section 4A(c), Chapter 658, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975, to authorize a declaration of write-in candidacy for the office sought by the deceased or ineligible candidate to be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the 32nd day, rather than 42nd day, before election day, if a candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot dies or is declared ineligible after the 38th day, rather than 48th day, before election day.

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 to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by Chapter 271B, Local Government Code, or all contracts for purchases involving the expenditure of more than \$15,000, rather than \$5,000, to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by Chapter 262C, Local Government Code, rather than Chapter 252.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.