

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3669
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that provisions relating to the board of the Ector County Hospital District are in need of revision and clarification. H.B. 3669 seeks to make such changes.

H.B. 3669 amends current law relating to the operations of the Ector County Hospital District.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 1024.051(a) and (d), Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

- (a) Provides that the Ector County Hospital District (district) is governed by a board of seven directors (board) in single-member districts, rather than by a board of seven directors.
- (d) Requires that an election be held on the uniform election date in May of each odd-numbered, rather than each even-numbered, year to elect the appropriate number of electors.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 1024, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 1024.0545, as follows:

- Sec. 1024.0545. GROUND FOR REMOVAL. (a) Provides that it is a ground for removal from the board that a director is absent from more than half of the regularly scheduled board meetings that the director is eligible to attend in any 12-month period without an excuse approved by a majority vote of the board.
- (b) Provides that the validity of an action by the board is not affected by the fact that the action is taken when a ground for removal of a director exists.
 - (c) Authorizes a director to be removed for a ground provided by this section using the procedures provided by Subchapter B (Removal by Petition and Trial), Chapter 87 (Removal of County Officers From Office; Filling of Vacancies), Local Government Code, for removing a county official.

SECTION 3. (a) Provides that the legislature validates and confirms all governmental acts and proceedings of the board that were taken before the effective date of this Act.

- (b) Provides that this section does not apply to any matter that on the effective date of this Act is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court judgment or has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

SECTION 4. Repealer: Section 1024.051(b) (relating to provisions for the election of the board),
Special District Local Laws Code.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.