BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3462
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that appointees to the board of hospital managers of the El Paso County Hospital District should meet certain qualification and approval criteria. C.S.H.B. 3462 seeks to address this issue by establishing provisions relating to the board of hospital managers of the hospital district.

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

C.S.H.B. 3462 amends the Health and Safety Code to require the El Paso County Commissioners Court by order to provide for the qualifications of appointees to the board of hospital managers of the El Paso County Hospital District and for approval to the board following notice and public hearing.

C.S.H.B. 3462 prohibits the commissioners court from appointing a person to the board if the person is an employee of El Paso County, a district employee, a party to a contract with the district to provide goods or perform services for compensation, or related within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to a member of the commissioners court or to such a person described by this provision.

C.S.H.B. 3462 expands the conditions under which a member of the board is considered to have resigned the member's position to include if the member fails to pay a local tax, including a property tax, when due or if the member would be ineligible to serve on the board as provided by the bill and makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 3462 contains a provision not included in the original prohibiting the El Paso County Commissioners Court from appointing a person to the board of hospital managers of the El Paso County Hospital District if the person is an employee of El Paso County, a district employee, a party to a contract with the district to provide goods or perform services for compensation, or related within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to a member of the commissioners court or to such a person described.

C.S.H.B. 3462 contains provisions not included in the original establishing that a member of the board is considered to have resigned the member's position if the member fails to pay a local tax

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when due or would be ineligible to serve on the board as provided by the bill, as alternatives to other conditions, and making conforming changes.

C.S.H.B. 3462 differs from the original by making the changes in law made by the substitute applicable only to an appointment to the board made on or after the bill's effective date, whereas the original makes the changes in law made by the original applicable to a vacancy on the board that occurs on or after the bill's effective date.

C.S.H.B. 3462 differs from the original in nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions.

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