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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1631 |
| By: King, Ken |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties note that in a county with a small population it is sometimes burdensome to fulfill a petition requirement to qualify for a place on the ballot as a candidate for director of a hospital district. H.B. 1631 seeks to address this issue with regard to the Ochiltree County Hospital District by providing for a ballot application. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **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** H.B. 1631 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the document that a person who wants to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of member of the board of directors of the Ochiltree County Hospital District must file with the board secretary from a petition requesting that action to an application in accordance with Election Code provisions relating to a candidate for an office of a political subdivision other than a county or city. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |