BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3669 By: Landgraf County Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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.

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. 3669 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the year in which a directors' election of the Ector County Hospital District is to be held from each even-numbered year to each odd-numbered year. The bill repeals a provision that provides for the election of one director from each commissioners precinct and for three directors elected from the district at large and instead provides for all of the directors to be from single-member districts. The bill establishes as a ground for removal from the board the absence of a director 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. The bill authorizes a director to be removed for such a ground using Local Government Code procedures for the removal of a county official. The bill establishes that the validity of a board action is not affected by the fact that the action is taken when a ground for removal of a director exists.

H.B. 3669 provides for the validation and confirmation of certain district actions and proceedings taken before the bill's effective date.

H.B. 3669 repeals Section 1024.051(b), Special District Local Laws Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.

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