

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 881
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that statutory changes are needed with regard to addressing a vacancy in the office of director of the Maverick County Hospital District in order to avoid a situation in which the remaining directors are unable to unanimously agree on a new director. S.B. 881 seeks to address this issue by amending the district's enabling legislation.

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

S.B. 881 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to lower the vote threshold required of the remaining directors of the Maverick County Hospital District to fill a director vacancy from a unanimous vote to a majority vote. The bill requires the remaining directors to immediately call a special election to fill director vacancies if the number of directors is reduced to fewer than three for any reason. The bill authorizes a district court, on application of a district voter or taxpayer, to order the directors to hold the election if the remaining directors do not call the election. The bill replaces the position of president of the board of directors with the positions of chairman and vice-chairman of the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.