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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2888 |
| By: Springer |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised about the potentially burdensome nature of signature requirements for a petition for a place on the ballot as a candidate for board director of certain special districts located in a county with a small population. H.B. 2888 seeks to address these concerns by waiving the applicable signature requirement for these petitions filed by a person requesting to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for the board of directors of the Wilbarger County Hospital District. |
| **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. 2888 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to remove the requirement that a petition filed by a person requesting to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for the board of directors of the Wilbarger County Hospital District be signed by at least 100 registered voters. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |