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H.B. No. 4569

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of the Ector County Hospital District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 1024.051(a) and (d), Special District Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The district is governed by a board of seven directors elected from single-member districts.

(d) An election shall be held on the uniform election date in May of each odd-numbered ~~[even-numbered]~~ year to elect the appropriate number of directors.

SECTION 2. Section 1024.054(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to Subsection (a), a person who is elected from a single-member district ~~[commissioners precinct]~~ or who is appointed to fill a vacancy for a single-member district ~~[commissioners precinct]~~ must be a resident of that single-member district ~~[commissioners precinct]~~.

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 1024, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1024.0545 to read as follows:

Sec. 1024.0545. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL. (a) It is a ground for removal from the board that a director is absent 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

1 approved by a majority vote of the board.

2 (b) The validity of an action of the board is not affected by  
3 the fact that the action is taken when a ground for removal of a  
4 director exists.

5 (c) A director may be removed for a ground provided by this  
6 section using the procedures provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 87,  
7 Local Government Code, for removing a county official.

8 SECTION 4. Section 1024.051(b), Special District Local Laws  
9 Code, is repealed.

10 SECTION 5. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all  
11 governmental acts and proceedings of the board of directors of the  
12 Ector County Hospital District that were taken before the effective  
13 date of this Act.

14 (b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the  
15 effective date of this Act:

16 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation  
17 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court  
18 judgment; or

19 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.