

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 977
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the filing deadline for a petition for a place on the ballot for the Montgomery County Hospital District board of directors as set out in the district's enabling statutes is inconsistent with the deadline set out in the Election Code. This leaves open the possibility for a candidate to be disqualified from serving but still be elected if the candidate does not file a petition by both deadlines. H.B. 977 seeks to address this issue by aligning the applicable provision of the district's enabling statutes with the Election Code.

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. 977 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the filing deadline for a petition for a place on the ballot for the Montgomery County Hospital District board of directors from at least 25 days before the election date to the applicable filing deadline imposed by the Election Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.