

1-1 By: Leman (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1618  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;  
 1-3 May 6, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
 1-4 Human Services; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Kolkhorst	X			
1-8 Perry	X			
1-9 Blanco	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Miles	X			
1-14 Powell	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the number of signatures required on a petition filed in  
 1-20 connection with an election to create certain hospital districts.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 286.021(a) and (b), Health and Safety  
 1-23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) Before a district located wholly in one county may be  
 1-25 created, the county judge of that county must receive a petition  
 1-26 signed by the greater of:

1-27 (1) at least three percent of the registered voters of  
 1-28 the territory of the proposed district; or

1-29 (2) 100 registered voters of the territory of the  
 1-30 proposed district.

1-31 (b) Before a district that contains territory located in  
 1-32 more than one county may be created, the county judge of each county  
 1-33 in which the proposed district will be located must receive a  
 1-34 petition signed by the greater of:

1-35 (1) at least three percent of the registered voters of  
 1-36 the territory of the county in which the judge presides and of the  
 1-37 proposed district; or

1-38 (2) 100 registered voters of the territory of the  
 1-39 county in which the judge presides and of the proposed district.

1-40 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-41 to a petition filed under Section 286.021, Health and Safety Code,  
 1-42 on or after the effective date of this Act. A petition filed under  
 1-43 that section before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
 1-44 the law in effect on the date the petition was filed, and the former  
 1-45 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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