

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4172
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Ways & Means
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Hospital districts, which are local taxing units, are part of their respective local appraisal district and as such are required to pay a proportional share of their respective appraisal district's operational expense. However, hospital districts are not currently allowed to take part in the process of selecting members of the board of directors of the local appraisal district. H.B. 4172 seeks to add the governing body of a hospital district to the list of entities who can vote for candidates for director of an appraisal district in which the hospital district participates.

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. 4172 amends the Tax Code to include a hospital district among the entities entitled to vote for candidates for director of the appraisal district in which the hospital district participates. The bill includes the presiding officer of the governing body and the hospital administrator of each hospital district participating in the district among the entities to which the chief appraiser must deliver a written notice of the entitlement to vote before October 1 of each odd-numbered year. These provisions apply only to the selection of appraisal district directors for terms that begin on or after January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.