

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 499
By: Sparks
Intergovernmental Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill sponsor has informed the committee that constituents in Coke County, in House District 72, have raised a concern regarding the enabling legislation of the West Coke County Hospital District, a taxing entity in Robert Lee, Texas, specifically in regard to the district's inability to select a depository outside the district. The bill sponsor has also informed the committee that Robert Lee is a very rural community that currently only has one banking option, which limits the district's ability to efficiently and effectively serve district residents. S.B. 499 seeks to address this issue by removing the requirement that a bank selected to serve as a depository be in the 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

S.B. 499 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to remove the requirement that a bank selected to serve as a depository for money of the West Coke County Hospital District be in the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2025.