

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1631  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that in a county with a small population it is sometimes burdensome to fulfill a petition requirement to qualify for a place on the ballot as a candidate for director of a hospital district. H.B. 1631 seeks to address this issue with regard to the Ochiltree County Hospital District by providing for a ballot application.

### **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. 1631 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the document that a person who wants to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of member of the board of directors of the Ochiltree County Hospital District must file with the board secretary from a petition requesting that action to an application in accordance with Election Code provisions relating to a candidate for an office of a political subdivision other than a county or city.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.