

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1144  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 1144 provides that repeated absence from regularly scheduled board meetings is a ground for removal from the Hopkins County Hospital District board of directors (district; board). For this ground for removal to apply, a member must be absent from at least four meetings in any 12-month period without an excuse approved by a majority vote of the board. Procedures for removal will follow those established in Subchapter B (Removal by Petition and Trial), Chapter 87 (Removal of County Officers from Office; Filling of Vacancies), Local Government Code, for removal of a county official.

H.B. 1144 also changes the length of time that a bank serves as the designated depository or treasurer for the district from two years to three years.

H.B. 1144 amends current law relating to the Hopkins County Hospital District.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 1043, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 1043.0535, as follows:

Sec. 1043.0535. GROUND FOR REMOVAL. (a) Provides that it is a ground for removal from the board of directors of the Hopkins County Hospital District (board; district) that a director is absent from at least four regularly scheduled board meetings that the director is eligible to attend in any 12-month period without an excuse approved by a majority vote of the board.

(b) Provides that the validity of an action of the board is not affected by the fact that the action is taken when a ground for removal of a director exists.

(c) Authorizes a director to be removed for a ground provided by this section using the procedures provided by Subchapter B (Removal by Petition and Trial), Chapter 87 (Removal of County Officers from Office; Filling of Vacancies), Local Government Code, for removing a county official.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1043.155(a), Special District Local Laws Code, to provide that a designated bank serves as the district's depository or treasurer for three years, rather than two years, and until a successor is designated.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.