

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1570
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1570 would adjust the number of members on the board of directors of the Rayburn Country municipal utility district from seven to five. This is at the request of the board, as there has not been enough interest in joining the board to fill all seven slots.

H.B. 1570 amends current law relating to the board of directors of the Rayburn Country Municipal Utility 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 Sections 7(a) and (e), Chapter 1086, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, as follows:

(a) Provides that the Rayburn Country Municipal Utility District (district) is governed by a board of five, rather than seven, directors.

(e) Requires the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, if at any time the number of qualified directors is less than three, rather than less than four, because of the failure or refusal of one or more directors to qualify or serve, because of death or incapacitation, or for any other reason, to appoint the necessary number of directors to fill all vacancies on the board.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 9, Chapter 1086, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, as follows:

Sec. 9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Requires an election to be held on the uniform election date in May in each even-numbered year to elect the appropriate number of directors to the board, rather than requiring an election, beginning in the second year following the confirmation and directors' election, to be held on the third Saturday in May every two years to elect the appropriate number of directors to the board.

SECTION 3. Repealer: 7(g) (relating to requiring a candidate for director to submit a petition to be eligible for election), Chapter 1086, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987.

SECTION 4. Provides that, except as provided by Subsection (b), the changes in law made by this Act do not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board of directors of the district immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve as a member of the board for the remainder of the member's term.

(b) Provides that, on the effective date of this Act, positions six and seven, as designated by the district, are abolished.

SECTION 5. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and laws of the state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2019.