

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1480
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to institute term limits for the board of hospital managers of the Nueces County Hospital District in order to bring new ideas and perspectives from a diverse group of citizens to that board while also providing for increased participation in local government. S.B. 1480 seeks to provide for these benefits by limiting a board member's service to four full three-year terms, not including the completion of the unexpired portion of a term.

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. 1480 amends the Health and Safety Code to prohibit a member of the board of hospital managers of the Nueces County Hospital District from serving more than four full three-year terms. The bill establishes that the completion of the unexpired portion of a term does not constitute service for a full term for purposes of the term limitation. The bill expressly does not affect the eligibility of a board member serving on the bill's effective date to continue to serve for the remainder of the member's term but requires the Nueces County Commissioners Court, as the terms of board members expire, to appoint or reappoint members as necessary to ensure that the composition of the board complies with the bill's provisions. The bill prohibits the commissioners court from appointing or reappointing a person to the board who has served four full three-year terms on the board before the bill's effective date, not including the unexpired portion of any term.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.