BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Most hospital districts in the State of Texas allow their voters the opportunity to hold an election to dissolve the district. However, current law does not provide for an election to dissolve the Montgomery County Hospital District upon petition by voters of the district. This bill sets forth provisions regarding the dissolution of the Montgomery County Hospital District.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1957 sets forth provisions regarding the dissolution of the Montgomery County Hospital District.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 258, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, by adding Sections 23A and 23B, as follows:

Sec. 23A. Authorizes the Montgomery County Hospital District (district) to be dissolved as provided by this section. Sets forth provisions regarding an election for dissolution of the district by the board of directors of the district (board).

Sec. 23B. Requires the board to continue to control and administer the property, debts, and assets of the district until all funds have been disposed of and all district debts have been paid or settled if the board finds that the district is dissolved but does not transfer certain assets to Montgomery County or another governmental entity in the district. Sets forth certain duties to be administered by the board after the dissolution of the district. Requires the board to file a written report with the commissioners court of Montgomery County setting forth a summary of the board's actions in dissolving the district. Requires the commissioners court to enter an order dissolving the district by a certain date after receiving the board's report.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause. Effective date: upon passage.