

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Section 6.02, Tax Code, allows for members of the board of directors of an appraisal district other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director to be appointed by a vote of the governing bodies of the incorporated cities and towns, the school districts, and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and reclamation districts that participate in the district and county. However, the law does not allow for a hospital district to have representation on the board. As proposed, S.B. 337 allows hospital districts to have representation on the board.

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 Section 6.03, Tax Code, by amending Subsections (c) and (e) and adding Subsection (n), as follows:

(c) Provides that members of the board of directors of an appraisal district other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director are appointed by the vote of the governing bodies of the incorporated cities and towns, the school districts, and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and reclamation districts and the hospital districts that participate in the district and of the county.

(e) Requires the chief appraiser to calculate the number of votes to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district is entitled and to deliver written notice to the presiding officer of the governing body of each hospital district participating in the district that is entitled to vote of the hospital district's voting entitlement before October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(n) Provides that a hospital district is entitled to vote only if the hospital district is located in a county with a population of less than 20,000 that is designated in its entirety as a medically underserved area by the Texas Department of Health and the total amount of property taxes imposed in the district by the hospital district for the preceding tax year is at least 10 percent of the sum of the total amount of property taxes imposed in the district for that year by each taxing unit that participates in the district.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.