

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.J.R. 79
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

A Legislative Budget Board (LBB) performance report issued to the legislature in the mid-1980s found the success of the State Rural Medical Education Board (since renamed the State Medical Education Board) questionable and recommended that the board be abolished. LBB found that only a small percentage of the people who had received loans administered by the board were practicing medicine in rural Texas counties, with only a slightly larger percentage of those individuals practicing in areas designated as medically underserved. No new loans have been made by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding. H.J.R. 79 seeks to eliminate an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation.

H.J.R. 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund

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. Repealer: Section 50a (State Medical Education Board; State Medical Education Fund; Purpose), Article III, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Requires that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013. Sets forth the required language of the ballot.