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Bill Analysis

SJR 19 refers to the people a constitution amendment to authorize counties to create a charter that will modify the governing body and offices of the counties that adopt a charter. Offices created by the charter may include the Judge of the County Court, County Attorney, Clerk of the District Court, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Registrar of Deeds, County Surveyor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, three County Commissioners, and municipal township officers.

Counties may also be divided for the creation of new counties, provided the division is approved by 60% of the voters in the county and the newly created county or counties meet certain requirements. Current counties that do not meet these requirements may be declared to be “unorganized” and attached to an adjacent county. Upon meeting certain requirements, the county seat may be changed as well. Upcoming modifications of or creation of a charter shall require publication in a newspaper circulated in the county. The governing body of a municipality may also be the governing body of a county provided voters within the municipality approve the change. The measure outlines the boundaries of the counties in the state.

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