

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 7 (Hughes/Cain)

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 7 (election integrity and
6 security, including by preventing fraud in the conduct of elections
7 in this state; increasing criminal penalties; creating criminal
8 offenses; providing civil penalties) to consider and take action on
9 the following matters:

10 (1) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
11 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
12 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 2.04 of the
13 bill, by adding amended Section 31.006, Election Code, to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 31.006. REFERRAL [~~OF COMPLAINT~~] TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.
16 (a) If, after receiving or discovering information indicating that
17 [~~a complaint alleging~~] criminal conduct in connection with an
18 election has occurred, the secretary of state determines that there
19 is reasonable cause to suspect that [~~the alleged~~] criminal conduct
20 occurred, the secretary shall promptly refer the information
21 [~~complaint~~] to the attorney general. The secretary shall deliver to
22 the attorney general all pertinent documents and information in the
23 secretary's possession.

24 (b) The documents and information submitted under

1 Subsection (a) are not considered public information until:

2 (1) the secretary of state makes a determination that
3 the information [~~complaint~~] received does not warrant an
4 investigation; or

5 (2) if referred to the attorney general, the attorney
6 general has completed the investigation or has made a determination
7 that the information [~~complaint~~] referred does not warrant an
8 investigation.

9 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the
10 secretary of state to take certain actions upon the receipt or
11 discovery of information indicating that criminal conduct in
12 connection with an election has occurred.

13 (2) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
14 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
15 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 2.05 of the
16 bill, by adding Section 31.019, Election Code, to read as follows:

17 Sec. 31.019. ENFORCEMENT OF VOTER ROLL MAINTENANCE
18 PROVISIONS. (a) In order to ensure compliance with voter roll
19 maintenance provisions, the secretary of state shall monitor each
20 county's list of registered voters to ensure that no county has a
21 number of registered voters in the county equal to or greater than
22 the number of people eligible to register to vote in the county.

23 (b) If the secretary of state determines that a county has a
24 number of registered voters equal to or greater than the number of
25 people eligible to register to vote in the county, the secretary of
26 state shall notify the appropriate registrar in writing.

27 (c) Not later than 30 days after receiving notice under

1 Subsection (b), a registrar must:

2 (1) refute, in writing, that the number of registered
3 voters is equal to or greater than the number of people eligible to
4 register to vote in the county and the failure to comply alleged by
5 the notice; or

6 (2) develop a remediation plan to address failures to
7 comply with voter roll maintenance provisions and send a copy of the
8 plan to the secretary of state.

9 (d) If a voter registrar fails to respond to a notice under
10 Subsection (c), refutes an allegation under Subsection (c)(1), or
11 fails to comply with a provision of the remediation plan developed
12 by the registrar under Subsection (c)(2), the secretary of state
13 shall:

14 (1) require the registrar to attend a training course
15 developed under Subsection (h);

16 (2) publish notice that the county is undergoing an
17 audit under this subsection on the secretary of state's Internet
18 website;

19 (3) audit the voter registration list for the county
20 in which the registrar serves; and

21 (4) identify voter roll maintenance provisions with
22 which the registrar is failing to comply and provide a list to the
23 registrar.

24 (e) If the secretary of state determines that a voter
25 registrar has not performed any overt actions in pursuance of
26 compliance with the provisions identified under Subsection (d)(4)
27 within 14 days of receiving the list under Subsection (d)(4), the

1 secretary of state shall:

2 (1) withhold distribution of state funds for financing
3 voter registration to the county until the registrar takes action
4 in pursuance of compliance; and

5 (2) inform the attorney general that the county which
6 the registrar serves may be subject to a civil penalty under
7 Subsection (f).

8 (f) A county is liable to this state for a civil penalty of
9 \$1,000 for each day after the 14th day following the receipt of a
10 list under Subsection (d)(4) that the county's voter registrar
11 fails to take overt action to comply with provisions identified
12 under that subsection. The attorney general may bring an action to
13 recover a civil penalty imposed under this section.

14 (g) A civil penalty collected by the attorney general under
15 this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit
16 of the general revenue fund.

17 (h) The secretary of state shall develop and implement a
18 three-hour training course for county clerks and registrars on the
19 maintenance of voter rolls required and permitted by law.

20 (i) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and prescribe
21 procedures for the implementation of this section.

22 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the secretary
23 of state to take certain actions in order to ensure compliance with
24 voter roll maintenance provisions.

25 (3) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
26 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
27 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 3.05 of the

1 bill, by adding to amended Section 64.007(c), Election Code, the
2 following:

3 The secretary of state shall create and promulgate a form to
4 be used for this purpose.

5 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the secretary
6 of state to create and promulgate a form to be used by an election
7 officer in maintaining a register of spoiled ballots at the polling
8 place.

9 (4) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
10 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
11 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 3.07 of the
12 bill, by adding Section 66.004, Election Code, to read as follows:

13 SECTION 3.07. Subchapter A, Chapter 66, Election Code, is
14 amended by adding Section 66.004 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 66.004. CLOSING POLLING PLACE. The secretary of state
16 shall adopt rules and create a checklist or similar guidelines to
17 assist the presiding judge of a polling place in processing forms
18 and conducting procedures required by this code at the closing of
19 the polling place.

20 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the secretary
21 of state to adopt rules and create a checklist or similar guidelines
22 to assist in the closing of a polling place.

23 (5) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit
24 the committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION
25 3.10 of the bill, in amended Section 85.006(e), Election Code, to
26 read as follows:

27 (e) In a primary election or the general election for state

1 and county officers in a county with a population of 30,000
2 [~~100,000~~] or more, the early voting clerk shall order voting by
3 personal appearance [~~voting~~] at the main early voting polling place
4 to be conducted on the last Saturday of the early voting period for
5 at least 12 hours, except that voting may not be conducted earlier
6 than 6 a.m. or later than 9 p.m., [~~on the last Saturday~~] and on the
7 last Sunday of the early voting period for at least six [~~five~~]
8 hours, except that voting may not be conducted earlier than 1 p.m.
9 or later than 9 p.m. [~~on the last Sunday of the early voting period~~].
10 The early voting clerk shall order voting to be conducted at those
11 times in those elections in a county with a population under 30,000
12 [~~100,000~~] on receipt of a written request for those hours submitted
13 by at least 15 registered voters of the county. The request must be
14 submitted in time to enable compliance with Section 85.007. This
15 subsection supersedes any provision of this subchapter to the
16 extent of any conflict.

17 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the hours
18 for voting on a Saturday or Sunday in counties with population of
19 30,000 or more and certain counties with a population under 30,000.

20 (6) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit
21 the committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION
22 4.06 of the bill, in added Section 33.063, Election Code, to read as
23 follows:

24 SECTION 4.06. Subchapter C, Chapter 33, Election Code, is
25 amended by adding Section 33.063 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 33.063. RELIEF. (a) A watcher, or the appointing
27 authority for a watcher, who believes that the watcher was

1 unlawfully prevented or obstructed from the performance of the
2 watcher's duties may seek:

3 (1) injunctive relief under Section 273.081,
4 including issuance of temporary orders;

5 (2) a writ of mandamus under Section 161.009 or
6 273.061; and

7 (3) any other remedy available under law.

8 (b) The relief provided by this section is available to a
9 state inspector appointed under Chapter 34 or any other election
10 inspector authorized by law.

11 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide relief for a
12 watcher, the appointing authority for a watcher, or any election
13 inspector authorized by law, who believes that they were unlawfully
14 prevented or obstructed from the performance of their duties.

15 (7) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
16 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
17 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 4.16 of the
18 bill, by adding Section 127.131(f), Election Code, to read as
19 follows:

20 SECTION 4.16. Section 127.131, Election Code, is amended by
21 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

22 (f) The presiding judge of the central counting station
23 shall provide and attest to a written reconciliation of votes and
24 voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after
25 the central counting station meets for the last time to process
26 late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. The
27 secretary of state shall create and promulgate rules and a form to

1 facilitate compliance with this subsection. The form shall be
2 posted on a website maintained by the county along with election
3 returns and results.

4 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the duties
5 of the presiding judge of the central counting station and the
6 secretary of state regarding the preparing of election returns.

7 (8) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
8 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
9 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 5.01 of the
10 bill, by adding amended Section 82.002, Election Code, to read as
11 follows:

12 SECTION 5.01. Section 82.002, Election Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 82.002. DISABILITY. (a) A qualified voter is eligible
15 for early voting by mail if the voter is not capable of [~~has a~~
16 ~~sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from~~]
17 appearing at the polling place on election day without [~~a~~
18 ~~likelihood of~~] needing personal assistance or [~~of~~] injuring the
19 voter's health due to the voter's:

20 (1) illness;

21 (2) injury;

22 (3) medical confinement ordered by a health care
23 professional; or

24 (4) mental or physical disability.

25 (b) The following do not constitute [~~Expected or likely~~
26 ~~confinement for childbirth on election day is~~] sufficient cause to
27 entitle a voter to vote under Subsection (a):

1 (1) a lack of transportation;

2 (2) an illness, injury, or disability that does not
3 prevent the voter from appearing at the polling place on election
4 day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of
5 injuring the voter's health; or

6 (3) a requirement to appear at the voter's place of
7 employment on election day.

8 (c) An application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the
9 ground of disability must require the applicant to specifically
10 select the grounds on which the voter is eligible under Subsection
11 (a).

12 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate qualified
13 voters eligible for early voting by mail on the grounds of
14 disability.

15 (9) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
16 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
17 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 5.02 of the
18 bill, by adding amended Section 84.001(b), Election Code, to read
19 as follows:

20 (b) An application must be submitted in writing and signed
21 by the applicant using ink on paper. An electronic signature or
22 photocopied signature is not permitted.

23 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the manner
24 in which an application for an early voting ballot to be voted by
25 mail may be submitted and signed.

26 (10) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
27 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the

1 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 5.03 of the
2 bill, by adding amended Section 84.002(a), Election Code, and
3 Section 84.002(c), Election Code, to read as follows:

4 SECTION 5.03. Section 84.002, Election Code, is amended by
5 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
6 follows:

7 (a) An early voting ballot application must include:

8 (1) the applicant's name and the address at which the
9 applicant is registered to vote;

10 (1-a) the following information:

11 (A) the number of the applicant's driver's
12 license or personal identification card issued by the Department of
13 Public Safety;

14 (B) if the applicant has not been issued a number
15 described by Paragraph (A), the last four digits of the applicant's
16 social security number; or

17 (C) a statement by the applicant that the
18 applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A) or
19 (B);

20 (2) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
21 on the ground of absence from the county of residence, the address
22 outside the applicant's county of residence to which the ballot is
23 to be mailed;

24 (3) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
25 on the ground of age or disability:

26 (A) [7] the address of the hospital, nursing home
27 or other long-term care facility, or retirement center, or of a

1 person related to the applicant within the second degree by
2 affinity or the third degree by consanguinity, as determined under
3 Chapter 573, Government Code, if the applicant is living at that
4 address and that address is different from the address at which the
5 applicant is registered to vote; and

6 (B) if applicable, the selected specific grounds
7 on which the voter is eligible for a ballot to be voted by mail on
8 the ground of disability, as required by Section 82.002(c);

9 (4) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
10 on the ground of confinement in jail, the address of the jail or of a
11 person related to the applicant within the degree described by
12 Subdivision (3);

13 (5) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
14 on any ground, an indication of each election for which the
15 applicant is applying for a ballot; and

16 (6) an indication of the ground of eligibility for
17 early voting.

18 (c) A person may use the number of a driver's license or
19 personal identification card that has expired for the purpose of
20 fulfilling the requirement under Subsection (a)(1-a) if the license
21 or identification is otherwise valid.

22 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the content
23 of an application for an early voting ballot.

24 (11) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit
25 the committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION
26 5.04 of the bill, in amended Section 84.011(a), Election Code, by
27 amending Section 84.011(a)(1) and adding Section 84.011(a)(3-a),

1 to read as follows:

2 (1) immediately preceding the signature space the
3 statement: "I certify that the information given in this
4 application is true, and I understand that giving false information
5 in this application is a crime.";

6 (3-a) a space for entering the information required
7 under Section 84.002(a)(1-a); and

8 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the
9 contents of the officially prescribed application form for an early
10 voting ballot.

11 (12) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
12 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
13 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 5.06 of the
14 bill, by adding Section 86.001(f), Election Code, to read as
15 follows:

16 (f) If the information required under Section
17 84.002(a)(1-a) included on the application does not match the
18 information on the applicant's application for voter registration
19 under Section 13.002(c)(8), the clerk shall reject the application.

20 Explanation: The change is necessary to require an early
21 voting clerk to reject an application for a ballot to be voted by
22 mail if certain information included in the application does not
23 match the information on the applicant's application for voter
24 registration.

25 (13) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
26 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
27 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 5.07 of the

1 bill, by adding Sections 86.002(g), (h), and (i), Election Code, to
2 read as follows:

3 (g) The carrier envelope must include a space that is hidden
4 from view when the envelope is sealed for the voter to enter the
5 following information:

6 (1) the number of the voter's driver's license or
7 personal identification card issued by the Department of Public
8 Safety;

9 (2) if the voter has not been issued a number described
10 by Subdivision (1), the last four digits of the voter's social
11 security number; or

12 (3) a statement by the applicant that the applicant
13 has not been issued a number described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

14 (h) A person may use the number of a driver's license or
15 personal identification card that has expired for purposes of
16 Subsection (g) if the license or identification is otherwise valid.

17 (i) No record associating an individual voter with a ballot
18 may be created.

19 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the
20 contents of the carrier envelope for a ballot to be voted by mail.

21 (14) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
22 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
23 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 5.15 of the
24 bill, by adding Section 87.128, Election Code, to read as follows:

25 Sec. 87.128. NOTES. Each member of an early voting ballot
26 board and each member of a signature verification committee is
27 entitled to take and keep any notes reasonably necessary to perform

1 the member's duties under this chapter.

2 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide that members
3 of early voting ballot boards and of signature verification
4 committees may take and keep certain notes.

5 (15) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
6 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
7 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 8.04 of the
8 bill, by amending Sections 232.008(b), (c), and (d), Election Code,
9 to read as follows:

10 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a contestant must
11 file the petition not later than the later of the 45th [~~30th~~] day
12 after the date the election records are publicly available under
13 Section 1.012 or the official result of the contested election is
14 determined.

15 (c) A contestant must file the petition not later than the
16 later of the 15th [~~10th~~] day after the date the election records are
17 publicly available under Section 1.012 or the official result is
18 determined in a contest of:

19 (1) a primary or runoff primary election; or

20 (2) a general or special election for which a runoff is
21 necessary according to the official result or will be necessary if
22 the contestant prevails.

23 (d) A contestant must deliver, electronically or otherwise,
24 a copy of the petition to the secretary of state by the same
25 deadline prescribed for the filing of the petition.

26 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the filing
27 and delivery of a petition in an election contest.

1 (16) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
2 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
3 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 8.04 of the
4 bill, by adding Section 232.063, Election Code, to read as follows:

5 Sec. 232.063. OVERTURNING ELECTION. If the number of votes
6 illegally cast in the election is equal to or greater than the
7 number of votes necessary to change the outcome of an election, the
8 court may declare the election void without attempting to determine
9 how individual voters voted.

10 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide certain
11 circumstances in which a court may declare an election void.

12 (17) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
13 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
14 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 8.06 of the
15 bill, by amending Section 273.061, Election Code, to read as
16 follows:

17 Sec. 273.061. JURISDICTION. (a) The supreme court or a
18 court of appeals may issue a writ of mandamus to compel the
19 performance of any duty imposed by law in connection with the
20 holding of an election or a political party convention, regardless
21 of whether the person responsible for performing the duty is a
22 public officer.

23 (b) The court of criminal appeals may issue a writ of
24 mandamus to compel the performance of any duty imposed by law in
25 connection with the provision, sequestration, transfer, or
26 impoundment of evidence in or records relating to a criminal
27 investigation conducted under this code or conducted in connection

1 with the conduct of an election or political party convention. If a
2 writ of mandamus is issued under this subsection, it shall include
3 an order requiring the provision, sequestration, transfer, or
4 impoundment of the evidence or record.

5 Explanation: The change is necessary to permit the court of
6 criminal appeals to issue writs of mandamus to compel the
7 performance of certain duties relating to elections.

8 (18) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
9 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
10 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 8.09 of the
11 bill, by adding Sections 23.301(c), (d), and (e), Government Code,
12 to read as follows:

13 (c) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, a proceeding
14 entitled to priority under Section 23.101(b-1) relating to a
15 temporary injunction shall have a court assigned under Subsection
16 (b) not later than 24 hours after the proceeding is filed and, if a
17 temporary injunction is granted, the injunction may not remain in
18 effect for longer than four days.

19 (d) A person, including a public official, commits an
20 offense if the person communicates with a county or district clerk
21 with the intention of influencing or attempting to influence the
22 court or judge assigned to a proceeding under this section.

23 (e) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
24 except that the offense is a state jail felony if it is shown on the
25 trial of the offense that the person committed the offense while
26 acting in the person's official capacity as an election official.

27 Explanation: The change is necessary to regulate the

1 assignment of certain election proceedings and describe the conduct
2 constituting an offense under Section 23.301, Government Code, as
3 well as the punishment for that offense.

4 (19) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
5 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
6 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 8.09 of the
7 bill, by adding Section 23.302, Government Code, to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 23.302. DEADLINES IN CERTAIN ELECTION PROCEEDINGS.

10 (a) Not later than 24 hours after the proceeding is filed, a judge
11 to whom a case is assigned under Section 23.301(b) who wishes to be
12 recused from the proceeding must, before recusal:

13 (1) hear an application for any emergency temporary
14 relief sought;

15 (2) grant or deny any emergency temporary relief
16 sought; and

17 (3) set a scheduling order that provides:

18 (A) a date for a hearing on any injunction sought
19 not later than five days after the date on which the proceeding was
20 filed; and

21 (B) discovery and deposition deadlines before
22 the expiration of any emergency relief order entered.

23 (b) The presiding judge of an administrative region shall
24 assign a new judge to a proceeding assigned under Section 23.301(b)
25 not later than 12 hours after the original judge assigned to the
26 proceeding is recused under Subsection (a).

27 (c) A final order in a proceeding filed under Section

1 273.081, Election Code, shall be submitted in writing to the
2 parties not later than 24 hours after the judge makes a final
3 determination in the proceeding.

4 (d) If a district judge does not comply with this section, a
5 person may seek from the supreme court, the court of criminal
6 appeals, or a court of appeals a writ of mandamus as provided by
7 Section 273.061, Election Code, to compel compliance with this
8 section.

9 (e) Notwithstanding Section 23.101(b-1), a proceeding
10 relating to a permanent injunction being sought in connection to a
11 challenge under Section 141.034, Election Code, may be heard after
12 the primary election has been canvassed.

13 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide for deadlines
14 in certain election proceedings.

15 (20) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
16 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
17 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 9.02 of the
18 bill, by adding amended Article 42.01, Code of Criminal Procedure,
19 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 4. The Court of Criminal Appeals [~~Office of Court~~
21 ~~Administration of the Texas Judicial System~~] shall promulgate a
22 standardized felony judgment form that conforms to the requirements
23 of Section 1 of this article. A court entering a felony judgment
24 [~~judgement~~] shall use the form promulgated under this section.

25 Sec. 16. In addition to the information described by
26 Section 1, the judgment should reflect the affirmative finding and
27 instruction entered pursuant to Article 42.0194.

1 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the Court of
2 Criminal Appeals to promulgate a standardized felony judgment
3 form including certain information entered pursuant to Article
4 42.0194, Code of Criminal Procedure.

5 (21) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
6 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
7 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 11.03(d) of
8 the bill, in the transition language, to read as follows:

9 (d) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an
10 application to vote an early voting ballot by mail submitted on or
11 after the effective date of this Act. An application to vote an
12 early voting ballot by mail submitted before the effective date of
13 this Act is governed by the law in effect when the application was
14 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
15 purpose.

16 Explanation: The change is necessary to ensure that any
17 change in law made by the Act applies only to an application to vote
18 an early voting ballot by mail submitted on or after the effective
19 date of the Act.

20 (22) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
21 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
22 house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 11.04 of the
23 bill, in the transition language, to read as follows:

24 SECTION 11.04. Not later than January 1, 2022, the
25 secretary of state shall develop the training course required by
26 Section 31.019, Election Code, as added by this Act.

27 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the secretary

1 of state to develop the training course required by added Section
2 31.019, Election Code, before January 1, 2022.

3 (23) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit
4 the committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION
5 11.06 of the bill, providing for an effective, to read as follows:

6 SECTION 11.06. This Act takes effect immediately if it
7 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
8 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
9 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
10 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

11 Explanation: The change is necessary to allow the provisions
12 of the Act to take effect immediately if the measure receives a vote
13 of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house.