BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law requires a person circulating a petition for a candidate's place on a ballot to read certain statements in the petition to each person who signs it and requires each part of a petition to include an affidavit of the person who circulated it stating that the person pointed out and read certain statements to the signer. As proposed, S.B. 28 requires a person circulating a petition only to be present when each signature is obtained and requires the petition to include an affidavit attesting to that fact.

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 141.064, Election Code, to delete the requirement that a person circulating a petition point out and read to each signer each statement pertaining to the signer that appears on the petition. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 141.065(a), Election Code, to make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: November 1, 2003. Makes application of this Act prospective.