

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current law allows for the commissioners court to appoint the presiding judge of each central counting station operating in an election. S.B. 1643 provides that the alternative presiding judge will serve if the presiding judge cannot serve or is already serving in another position.

### **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 127.005, Election Code, by adding Subsections (e) and (f), as follows:

(e) Requires the presiding judge and an alternate presiding judge to be appointed for each central counting station operating in the election in the same manner as a presiding judge and alternate presiding judge under Section 32.002, for an election in which election judges appointed under Section 32.002 serve.

(f) Provides that an alternate presiding judge appointed under Subsection (e) serves as presiding judge for the counting station if the regularly appointed presiding judge cannot serve or serves in another position established under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.