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H.B. No. 2149

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to notice of, and disclosure of information about, an  
3 investigation of criminal conduct in connection with an election.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 273.001, Election Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) Not later than the 30th day after the date on which a  
8 county or district attorney begins an investigation under this  
9 section, the county or district attorney shall deliver notice of  
10 the investigation to the secretary of state. The notice must  
11 include a statement that a criminal investigation is being  
12 conducted and the date on which the election that is the subject of  
13 the investigation was held. The secretary of state may disclose  
14 information relating to a criminal investigation received under  
15 this subsection only if the county or district attorney has  
16 disclosed the information or would be required by law to disclose  
17 the information.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.