

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

H.B. No. 2149

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2149 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2149 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor