

1-1 By: Denny (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 2149
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to notice of, and disclosure of information about, an
1-9 investigation of criminal conduct in connection with an election.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 273.001, Election Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-13 (e) Not later than the 30th day after the date on which a
1-14 county or district attorney begins an investigation under this
1-15 section, the county or district attorney shall deliver notice of
1-16 the investigation to the secretary of state. The notice must
1-17 include a statement that a criminal investigation is being
1-18 conducted and the date on which the election that is the subject of
1-19 the investigation was held. The secretary of state may disclose
1-20 information relating to a criminal investigation received under
1-21 this subsection only if the county or district attorney has
1-22 disclosed the information or would be required by law to disclose
1-23 the information.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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