Amend **CSSB 14** as follows:

(1) SECTION 9, page 5, line 3, after "election officer" add the following language:

in a county with more than 4 million people, whom meets the requirements as set out in Chapter 85, Section 85.009 Elections Code for early voting; and Chapter 32, Section 32.002 for non-early voting or any other election governed by Chapter 32.

(2) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____. Chapter 32, Sec. 32.002 (2)(c), Elections Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The presiding judge and alternate presiding judge must be affiliated or aligned with different political parties, subject to this subsection. Before July of each year in a county to which Subsection (a)(1) applies or before August of each year in a county to which Subsection (a)(2) applies, the county chair of a political party whose candidate for governor received the highest or second highest number of votes in the county in the most recent gubernatorial general election shall submit in writing to the commissioners court a list of names of persons in order of preference for each precinct who are eligible for appointment as an election judge. The county chair may supplement the list of names of persons until the 20th day before a general election or the 15th day before a special election in case an appointed election judge becomes unable to serve. The commissioners court shall appoint the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the same party as the state representative in the district where the voting place is located, and the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the other political parties list ~~party with the second highest number of votes in the precinct~~ as the alternate presiding judge. The commissioners court may reject the list if the persons whose names are submitted on the list are determined not to meet the applicable eligibility requirements.

(3) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION

1

to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____. Chapter 85, Elections Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 85.009. ELECTION OFFICERS FOR GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS. (a) The county clerk shall select election officers for the main early voting polling place and any branch polling place from a list provided under Subsection (b), in a manner that provides equal representation to the extent possible for each political party holding a primary election in the county.

(b) Before July of each year, the county chair of each political party holding a primary election in the county shall submit in writing to the county clerk a list of names of persons in order of preference for each early voting polling place who are eligible for selection as an election officer. The county chair may supplement the list of names of persons until the 30th day before early voting begins in case an appointed election officer becomes unable to serve.

(1) The county clerk shall appoint the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the party with the highest number of votes in the county as the presiding election officer of that polling place and the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the party with the second highest number of votes in the county as the alternate presiding election officer of that polling place.

(2) The county clerk shall appoint additional election officers for each polling place in the manner described ~~by Subsection (a). The county clerk may reject the list if the persons whose names are submitted on the list are determined not to meet the applicable eligibility requirements.~~ as follows: The county clerk shall appoint the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted by the same political party as the state representative in the district where the voting place is located and the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this

subsection by the other political parties list as the alternate

presiding judge.