

1-1 By: Burkett, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 1678
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2011;
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 13, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 13, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the employment of an elections administrator.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the powers of a county
1-11 election commission or a joint elections commission extend no
1-12 further than to the appointment, acceptance of resignation, or
1-13 recommendation for termination of a county elections administrator
1-14 or joint elections administrator.

1-15 SECTION 2. Section 31.033, Election Code, is amended by
1-16 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-17 (d) Meetings of the county election commission are subject
1-18 to Chapter 551, Government Code. In addition to posting notice as
1-19 required by Chapter 551, Government Code, the commission shall
1-20 provide personal written notice of a commission meeting to the
1-21 county elections administrator in the time prescribed by Section
1-22 551.043, Government Code, for providing public notice.

1-23 SECTION 3. Section 31.155, Election Code, is amended by
1-24 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-25 (d) Meetings of the joint elections commission are subject
1-26 to Chapter 551, Government Code. In addition to posting notice as
1-27 required by Chapter 551, Government Code, the commission shall
1-28 provide personal written notice of a commission meeting to the
1-29 joint elections administrator in the time prescribed by Section
1-30 551.043, Government Code, for providing public notice.

1-31 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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