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H.B. No. 3214

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing notice to certain state agencies of a criminal investigation relating to an election.

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

SECTION 1. Section 273.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) 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 and the attorney general. 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 and the attorney general 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.

(f) Not later than the 30th day after the date on which a county or district attorney concludes an investigation under this section, the county or district attorney shall deliver notice of the investigation's conclusion to the secretary of state and the attorney general. The notice must include a statement that a criminal investigation has concluded, the date on which the

1 election that was the subject of the investigation was held, and  
2 whether the investigation has resulted in the filing of an  
3 indictment or an information as of the time the notice is provided.  
4 The secretary of state and the attorney general may disclose  
5 information relating to a criminal investigation received under  
6 this subsection only if the county or district attorney has  
7 disclosed the information or would be required by law to disclose  
8 the information.

9       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.