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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Some voter records submitted to the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) do not accurately demonstrate whether a person voted on election day, voted early by personal appearance, voted early by mail, or voted early by mail as a federal postcard applicant. Oftentimes all the voters for a particular election are designated as election day voters even though the turnout numbers provided show that there were voters who voted early by personal appearance or by mail. H.B. 2050 would ensure that voter records accurately reflect the manner by which voters participate in elections by requiring that the election record submitted to the SOS specify whether the voter voted on election day, voted early by personal appearance, or voted early by mail as a federal postcard applicant.

H.B. 2050 amends current law relating to voter information provided by a voter registrar to the secretary of state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 18.069, Election Code, as follows:

Sec. 18.069. VOTING HISTORY. Requires the registrar, not later than the 30th day after the date of the primary, runoff primary, or general election or any special election ordered by the governor of the State of Texas, to electronically submit to the secretary of state the record of each voter participating in the election. Requires that the record include a notation of whether the voter voted on election day, voted early by personal appearance, voted early by mail under Chapter 86 (Conduct by Voting by Mail), or voted early by mail under Chapter 101 (Voting by Resident Federal Postcard Applicant).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.