

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires an election officer of a particular precinct to compose a list of registered voters and a second list of early voters with instructions to mark the early voters on the registered voter list before the polls open. The election officer must then deliver this list to the presiding judge of the election no later than the day before election day.

If these procedures are not carried out timely and properly, it could create an opportunity for someone who voted early to also vote a second time on election day.

H.B. 2366 seeks to streamline this process by moving these responsibilities from the election officer of a particular precinct to the early voting clerk. This will provide a more centralized approach to these crucial responsibilities.

H.B. 2366 amends current law relating to the notation on the precinct list of registered voters that a voter voted early.

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 87.122(c), Election Code, to require the early voting clerk to enter "early voting voter" beside the name of each person on the precinct list of registered voters whose name appears on the list of early voting voters and to deliver the precinct list to the presiding judge of the election precinct not later than the day before election day.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 62.014(b) (requiring an election officer to enter "early voting voter" beside the name of each person on the list of registered voters whose name appears on the precinct early voting list furnished by the early voting clerk), Election Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.