

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2366
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Elections
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties point out that, in preparation for election day, the county clerk or early voting clerk presents to precinct judges a list of registered voters, a second list of early voters, and instructions to mark the early voters on the registered voter list before the polls open. The parties note that these instructions often are not completed on time or at all, presenting an opportunity for early voters to vote undetected a second time on election day. C.S.H.B. 2366 seeks to eliminate this oversight.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2366 amends the 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, not later than the day before the election, to deliver the precinct list to the presiding judge of the election precinct.

C.S.H.B. 2366 repeals Section 62.014(b), Election Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2366 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Section 87.122(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:
(c) The clerk shall deliver the list of early

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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voting voters required by this section to the voter registrar, who shall enter "early voting voter" beside the name of each person on the precinct lists of registered voters whose name appears on the list of early voting voters. The secretary of state shall adopt rules to implement this subsection [to the presiding judge of the election precinct not later than the day before election day].

SECTION 2. Section 62.014(b), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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 shall deliver the precinct list to the presiding judge of the election precinct not later than the day before election day.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 3. Same as introduced version.