Amend **SB 2149** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.001, Election Code (page 2, line 8), strike "hospital,".

(2) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.002, Election Code (page 2, lines 15 through 16), strike "241, 242, 246, 247, or 248, Health and Safety Code, or Chapter 105, Human Resources Code" and substitute "242 or 247, Health and Safety Code, with more than 10 beds".

(3) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.004, Election Code (page 2, line 22), between the underlined period and "A", insert "(a)".

(4) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.004, Election Code (page 2, between lines 28 and 29), insert the following:

(b) If a residential care facility has fewer than five residents qualified to vote under this chapter on January 1 of each calendar year, the secretary of state may exempt a residential care facility from the requirements of this chapter. For this exemption to apply, the Department of State Health Services and the facility director must provide written confirmation that the exemption applies to the residential care facility. The secretary of state shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

(5) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.005(a), Election Code (page 2, line 30), strike "Election" and substitute "Additional election".

(6) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.005(a), Election Code (page 2, line 32), between "appearance" and the underlined period, insert the following:

under Chapter 32. The county chair of a political party shall indicate on the list of names of persons whether a person is willing to serve as an election judge under this chapter

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(7)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.005(c), Election Code (page 2, line 39), strike the underlined colon.

(8)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.005(c), Election Code, strike page 2 lines 40 through 47 and substitute "at any time during the two years preceding the election, the person has been employed at a residential care facility in the county where the person seeks to serve as an election judge.".

(9)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.005, Election Code (page 2, between lines 66 and 67), insert the following:

(e)   The secretary of state shall provide training for an election judge serving under this section.

(10)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.007(b), Election Code (page 3, line 17), strike "fourth Monday" and substitute "29th day".

(11)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.007(b), Election Code (page 3, line 18), strike "Monday" and substitute "fourth day".

(12)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.007(c), Election Code (page 3, lines 19 through 21), strike "An election judge for a residential care facility shall post notice of the time or times for conducting the election at the facility" and substitute "Notice of the time or times for conducting the election shall be posted at the residential care facility by the election judge and on the appropriate county's Internet website".

(13)   In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.007, Election Code (page 3, between lines 34 and 35), insert the following:

(e)   The secretary of state with the assistance of the Department of State Health Services shall create a list of all residential care facilities eligible under this chapter on January 1 of each calendar year in an early voting clerk's jurisdiction. The secretary of state shall provide the list to the early voting clerk.

(f)   At any time during the year and regardless of whether five or more voters at a residential care facility have requested ballots to be voted by mail, the early voting clerk may post notice

of the dates on which voting will be conducted at the facility under this chapter for each election. If the early voting clerk posts notice under this subsection, the names of the election judges and the hours during which voting will be conducted must be posted at least 48 hours before voting is conducted at the facility, notwithstanding Subsection (c).

(14) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.009(a), Election Code (page 3, line 57), between "reside" and "at", insert "and are registered to vote".

(15) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.009, Election Code (page 4, between lines 9 and 10), insert the following:

(e) An election judge at the residential care facility may assist and witness a ballot received by a voter who resides at the facility and is not registered to vote at the facility while the election judge is present at the facility.

(f) The secretary of state may prescribe an application for a voter to request a ballot under Subsection (b).

(16) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.012, Election Code, strike Subsection (b) (page 4, lines 36 through 40) and substitute the following:

(b) A voter may receive assistance in the same manner as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 64.

(17) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.014, Election Code (page 4, line 55), before "If", insert "(a)".

(18) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.014, Election Code (page 4, line 59), between "clerk" and the underlined period, insert "not later than the fourth day before election day".

(19) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.014, Election Code (page 4, between lines 60 and 61), insert the following:

(b) Any registered voter who did not cast a ballot at the residential care facility may cast a ballot by:

(1) voting in person on election day; or

(2) voting by mail.

(c) An election judge shall leave a ballot package for a voter who:

(1) requested a ballot to be voted by mail and was not present during the scheduled time for early voting at the residential care facility; and

(2) is expected to return to the residential care facility before the deadline for returning a ballot by mail.

(d) If a voter who requested a ballot to be voted by mail under this chapter is temporarily located at another location, including by hospitalization:

(1) the early voting clerk may mail the ballot to the voter's temporary address, if known; or

(2) the election judge may personally deliver the ballot package to the voter's temporary address, if known.

(e) If an election judge personally delivers a ballot package under Subsection (d), the election judge may:

(1) allow the ballot to be returned by mail; or

(2) accept the marked ballot personally.

(20) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 107.015, Election Code (page 5, between lines 8 and 9), insert the following:

(e) A watcher has access to the same areas of the residential care facility as an election judge.

(21) Strike SECTION 4 of the bill (page 5, lines 23 through 27).

(22) Strike SECTION 6 of the bill (page 5, lines 33 through

37).

       (23)   Strike SECTIONS 8 and 9 of the bill (page 5, lines 43 through 52).

       (24)   In SECTION 10 of the bill (page 5, lines 53 through 54), strike "241.0071, 242.0181, 247.008, and 248.004" and substitute "242.0181 and 247.008".

       (25)   Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.