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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1054 |
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| Elections |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised about reports that some presidential electors received threats from individuals and groups attempting to influence their votes for president in a recent election. H.B. 1054 seeks to address this issue by including presidential electors among those against whom certain threats constitute an offense. |
| **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**  H.B. 1054 amends the Election Code to specify that, with regard to the offense of retaliation against a voter, a voter includes a presidential elector. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |