By:  Menéndez S.B. No. 893

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Lucio                X

Schwertner           X

Alvarado             X

Campbell                       X

Fallon               X

Menéndez                       X

Nichols              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that the comptroller of public accounts receive copies of orders adopted in connection with the administration of elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 12.032(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to the secretary of state [~~and comptroller of public accounts~~] not later than the third day after the date the order is adopted.

SECTION 2.  Section 12.034(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  Not later than the third day after the date the rescission order is adopted, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to the secretary of state [~~and comptroller of public accounts~~].

SECTION 3.  Section 31.031(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d)  Not later than the third day after the date the order is adopted, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to:

(1)  the secretary of state; and

(2)  [~~the comptroller of public accounts; and~~

[~~(3)~~] each member of the county election commission.

SECTION 4.  Section 31.048(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Not later than the third day after the date an order abolishing the position of administrator is adopted, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to the secretary of state [~~and comptroller of public accounts~~].

SECTION 5.  Section 31.071(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Not later than the third day after the date the order is adopted, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to the secretary of state [~~and comptroller of public accounts~~].

SECTION 6.  Section 31.076(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  Not later than the third day after the date the rescission order is adopted, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to the secretary of state [~~and comptroller of public accounts~~].

SECTION 7.  Section 31.152(h), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h)  Not later than the third day after the date the order is adopted, the chair of the joint elections commission shall deliver a certified copy of the order to:

(1)  the secretary of state;

(2)  [~~the comptroller;~~

[~~(3)~~] each member of the county election commission, if any; and

(3) [~~(4)~~]  a representative from each participating entity.

SECTION 8.  Section 31.170(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Not later than the third day after the date an order abolishing the position of joint elections administrator is adopted, the county clerk of the most populous participating county shall deliver a certified copy of the order to the secretary of state [~~and comptroller~~].

SECTION 9.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an order adopted on or after the effective date of this Act. An order adopted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was adopted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 10.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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