

Amend CSSB 1 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumber ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE \_\_. SECRETARY OF STATE STUDY OF DISPARATE EFFECT OF  
ELECTION LAWS

SECTION \_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.017 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.017. DISPARITY STUDY REQUIRED. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a disparity study for each law enacted by the legislature that affects:

- (1) the conduct of elections;
- (2) voting; or
- (3) voter registration.

(b) In conducting a study under this section, the secretary of state shall examine:

- (1) the effect of an enactment described by Subsection (a); and
- (2) the combined effect of the enactment and existing election laws.

(c) The secretary of state shall include in the study an examination of the disparate effect, if any, of the enactment on:

- (1) members of an ethnic minority;
  - (2) individuals who are 65 years of age or older;
  - (3) individuals who are younger than 21 years of age;
- and

- (4) individuals with a disability.

(d) If appropriate, the secretary of state may examine multiple election laws enacted during a legislative session in a single study.

(e) The secretary of state shall submit a report detailing the results of the study to the legislature not later than January 1 of an odd-numbered year following a regular or called session in which an election law described by Subsection (a) is enacted.

(2) Strike SECTION 9.04 of the bill (page 54, lines 24 and 25) and substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION \_\_. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last

day of the legislative session.

(b) Section 31.017, Election Code, as added by this Act, takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.