

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 9
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 9 changes Section 64.012(b) of the Election Code to change the penalty for illegal voting from a Class A misdemeanor to a felony of the second degree, unless the person is convicted of an attempt. If the person is convicted of an attempt, the felony shall be a state jail felony.

As proposed, S.B. 9 amends current law relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of illegal voting.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 64.012(b), Election Code, as follows:

(b) Provides that an offense under Section 64.012 (Illegal Voting) is a felony of the second degree unless the person is convicted of an attempt, in which case the offense is a state jail felony. Deletes existing text providing that an offense under Section 64.012 is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.