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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 231 |
| By: Seliger |
| Elections |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that there are no mandatory training requirements currently in place for county election officers. There have been calls to require the secretary of state to provide a standardized training program and materials for county election officers in the same manner the secretary of state currently provides a training program to election judges and clerks. S.B. 231 seeks to address this issue by requiring the secretary of state to provide a standardized training program and materials for county election officers. |
| **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**  S.B. 231 amends the Election Code to require the secretary of state to provide a standardized training program and materials for county election officers in the same manner it provides such a program to election judges and clerks. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2021. |