BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3556 By: Clardy Elections Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that certain counties have been using online training as an option for volunteer deputy registrars. However, concerns have been raised that these registrar applicants can sign up for training even though they do not live in the county offering the training, which could lead to multiple issues. H.B. 3556 seeks to alleviate part of this problem by requiring in-person training of volunteer deputy voter registrars.

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. 3556 amends the Election Code to require all training of volunteer deputy registrars to be administered in person.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.