| **House Bill 574**  Senate Amendments  Section-by-Section Analysis | | |
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| SECTION 1. Sections 276.013(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:  (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally makes any effort to:  (1) influence the independent exercise of the vote of another in the presence of the ballot or during the voting process;  (2) cause a voter to become registered, a ballot to be obtained, or a vote to be cast under false pretenses; [~~or~~]  (3) count invalid votes that the person knows to be invalid or alter a report to include invalid votes that the person knows to be invalid;  (4) fail to count valid votes that the person knows to be valid or alter a report to exclude valid votes that the person knows to be valid; or  (5) [~~(3)~~] cause any intentionally misleading statement, representation, or information to be provided:  (A) to an election official; or  (B) on an application for ballot by mail, carrier envelope, or any other official election-related form or document.  (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree [~~Class A misdemeanor~~]. | No equivalent provision. (*But see SECTION 1 below.)* |  |
| No equivalent provision. (*But see SECTION 1 above.)* | SECTION 1. Chapter 276, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 276.014 to read as follows:  Sec. 276.014. OTHER ELECTION OFFENSES. (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally makes any effort to:  (1) count votes the person knows are invalid or alter a report to include votes the person knows are invalid; or  (2) refuse to count votes the person knows are valid or alter a report to exclude votes the person knows are valid. [FA1]  (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree. |  |
| SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021. | SECTION 2. Same as House version. |  |