

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.S.B. 2451 amends current law relating to personal information entered on the carrier envelope of a ballot to be voted by mail.

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 86.002, Election Code, by adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (g), as follows:

(d-1) Requires the secretary of state to prescribe instructions to be printed on the balloting materials for marking the ballot envelope with the information required under Subsection (g). Requires that the instructions:

(1) be printed in at least a 10-point font;

(2) except as provided by Subdivision (3), not include the text "V.U.I.D." or the words "voter registration number"; and

(3) contain the statement: "A voter registration number (V.U.I.D.) does not satisfy the requirement to enter the number of an election identification certificate and should not be printed on the carrier envelope."

(g) Requires that the carrier envelope include a space, at least one half inch in height and two inches in width, that is hidden from view when the envelope is sealed for the voter to enter certain information.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.