By:  Hughes S.B. No. 610

(In the Senate - Filed January 26, 2023; February 17, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; March 13, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 13, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell                  X

LaMantia        X

Menéndez                  X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry           X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an unauthorized vote by a delegate or alternate delegate to a federal Article V convention; creating a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 393, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 393.1035 to read as follows:

Sec. 393.1035.  CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A delegate or alternate delegate commits an offense if the delegate or alternate delegate knowingly casts an unauthorized vote.

(b)  An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

(c)  A judge granting community supervision to a defendant convicted of an offense under this section shall require as a condition of community supervision that the defendant submit to not less than 10 days of confinement in county jail. If a sentence of confinement is imposed on the revocation of community supervision, the term of confinement served under this subsection may not be credited toward completion of the sentence imposed.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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