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 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Middleton)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-4 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 15, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to standardized training for election officers.
 1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-24 SECTION 1. Section 32.111(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:
 1-26 (a) The secretary of state shall:
 1-27 (1) adopt standards of training in election law and
 1-28 procedure for presiding or alternate election judges;
 1-29 (2) develop materials for a standardized curriculum
 1-30 for that training, including a published handbook, made available
 1-31 on the secretary of state's Internet website, free of charge; and
 1-32 (3) distribute the materials as necessary to the
 1-33 governing bodies of political subdivisions that hold elections and
 1-34 to each county executive committee of a political party that holds a
 1-35 primary election.
 1-36 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 32, Election Code, is
 1-37 amended by adding Section 32.1111 to read as follows:
 1-38 Sec. 32.1111. ONLINE TRAINING. (a) The secretary of state
 1-39 shall:
 1-40 (1) make available a standardized training program
 1-41 developed under Section 32.111:
 1-42 (A) entirely via the Internet; and
 1-43 (B) at any time, without a requirement for prior
 1-44 registration;
 1-45 (2) require the passage of an examination at the end of
 1-46 the training program; and
 1-47 (3) provide an individual who completes the training
 1-48 with a certificate of completion.
 1-49 (b) A certificate of completion provided under Subsection
 1-50 (a)(3) shall expire no later than one year following the date it was
 1-51 awarded.
 1-52 (c) Completion of the training program under this section is
 1-53 not a prerequisite to eligibility for service in an election for:
 1-54 (1) county election officials;
 1-55 (2) presiding or alternate election judges;
 1-56 (3) election clerks;
 1-57 (4) members of the early voting ballot board;
 1-58 (5) members of the signature verification committee;
 1-59 or
 1-60 (6) central counting station officers.
 1-61 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 87, Election Code, is

2-1 amended by adding Section 87.0031 to read as follows:

2-2 Sec. 87.0031. TRAINING. The secretary of state shall
2-3 provide a standardized training program and materials for members
2-4 of an early voting ballot board in the same manner it provides such
2-5 a program under Subchapter F, Chapter 32.

2-6 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 87, Election Code, is
2-7 amended by adding Section 87.0272 to read as follows:

2-8 Sec. 87.0272. TRAINING. The secretary of state shall
2-9 provide a standardized training program and materials for members
2-10 of a signature verification committee in the same manner it
2-11 provides such a program under Subchapter F, Chapter 32.

2-12 SECTION 5. Subchapter A, Chapter 127, Election Code, is
2-13 amended by adding Section 127.010 to read as follows:

2-14 Sec. 127.010. TRAINING. The secretary of state shall
2-15 provide a standardized training program and materials for members
2-16 of a counting station in the same manner it provides such a program
2-17 under Subchapter F, Chapter 32.

2-18 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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