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Submitted to the Committee on Elections  
For HB 87

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Terry Putnam  
self/retired  
Georgetown, TX

I fully support is bill to insure electors vote in the manner that voters want.

W.J. Putnam  
American Citizen  
Georgetown, TX

I support this bill to insure electors vote as the voters intended or they may be replaced.

James Riley  
Self, retired  
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TEC 192.101 (new language) requires "alternate electors" to take an oath, while there is no provision for parties or independent candidates to designate alternate electors. The model The Faithful Presidential Electors Act provides for an elaborate scheme of alternate electors. In Texas, this would require political parties to name 80 persons (40 electors and 40 alternates), which would be over the top. Perhaps the political parties and independent candidates could designate TEC 192.031 and TEC 192.032 an optional priority list of alternate electors (this could be permissive). If there are insufficient alternates at the meeting of electors, let the other electors choose a replacement (same method as used now). Since any electors will have taken an oath to vote for the right presidential and vice-presidential candidates, it is unlikely they would select a replacement who not also do so, and in any case the replacement will also have to take the same oath.

Under the model act, the oath or "pledge" takes place before the party or independent candidate selects the elector nominee. This procedure could be incorporated into 192.031 and 192.032 with the parties/certifying that the elector candidates had executed the oath (note that Libertarian Party bylaws already require a similar affidavit, I am not familiar with other parties but they may).

TEC 192.101 and 192.102 appear to get the whole sequence of election out of whack, and would appear to let parties choose new electors after the election.