

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2022, Congress passed the Electoral Count Reform Act (ECRA) to clarify the process of casting and counting electoral votes. The ECRA also changed the Electoral College meeting date to "the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December," moving it one day later than before.

The Texas Election Code has not been updated to match this federal requirement. S.B. 688 rectifies this by changing the day Texas electors meet from Monday to Tuesday so Texas law may be in compliance with the ECRA.

As proposed, S.B. 688 amends current law relating to the date of the meeting of presidential electors of this state.

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 192.006(a), Election Code, to require the presidential electors to convene at the State Capitol at 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday, rather than the first Monday, after the second Wednesday in December following their election and perform their duties as prescribed by federal law.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.