

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

5/27/23

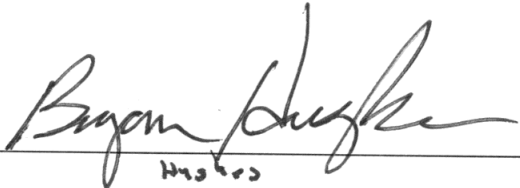
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Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dade Phelan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:


We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 357 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.



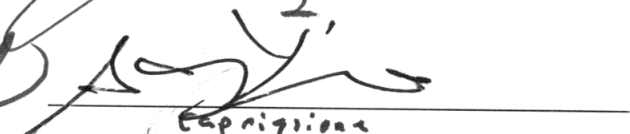
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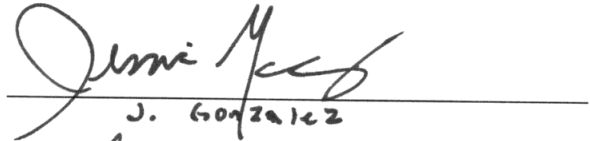


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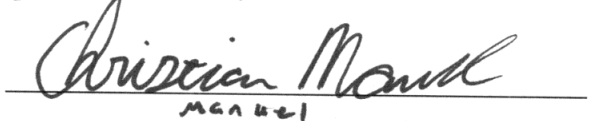
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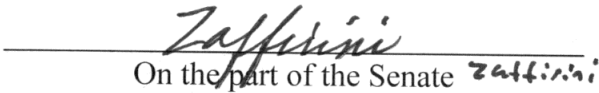


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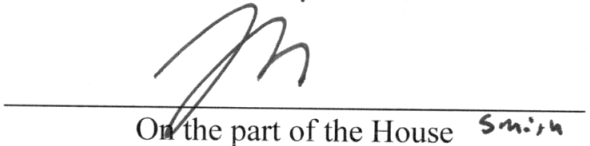
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On the part of the Senate Zaffirini



On the part of the House Smith

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 357

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirements to access the online tracker of an
3 application for a ballot to be voted by mail and to the date of
4 runoff elections.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2.025, Election Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or as otherwise
10 provided by this code, a runoff election shall be held on a Saturday
11 designated by the secretary of state [~~not earlier than the 20th or~~
12 ~~later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main~~
13 ~~election is completed~~].

14 (e) A date designated by the secretary of state under this
15 section for a runoff election:

16 (1) must be:

17 (A) not earlier than the 30th day after the date
18 of the main election; and

19 (B) not later than the 45th day after the date of
20 the main election; and

21 (2) may not:

22 (A) be a national or state holiday under Section
23 1.006(f); or

24 (B) have an early voting period that includes a

1 national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f).

2 SECTION 2. Section 86.015(b), Election Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (b) The online tool developed or provided under Subsection
5 (a) must require the voter to provide, before permitting the voter
6 to access information described by that subsection:

7 (1) the voter's name and date of birth [~~registration~~
8 ~~address~~] and the last four digits of the voter's social security
9 number; and

10 (2) the voter's:

11 (A) driver's license number; or

12 (B) personal identification card number issued
13 by the Department of Public Safety.

14 SECTION 3. Section 2.025(b), Election Code, is repealed.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

House Bill 357
Conference Committee Report
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SENATE VERSION (CS)

CONFERENCE

[The conference committee may have exceeded the limitations imposed on its jurisdiction, but only the presiding officer can make the final determination on this issue.]

No equivalent provision.

Same as House version.

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(2) the voter's:

SECTION 2. Same as Senate version.

~~(A)~~ driver's license number, the voter's ~~;~~ ~~or~~
~~(B)~~ personal identification card number issued by the
Department of Public Safety, or the last four digits of the
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SECTION 2. Effective date.

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SECTION 4. Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2023

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB357 by Bucy (relating to the requirements to access the online tracker of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail and to the date of runoff elections.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would modify certain authentication requirements used in the Ballot by Mail Tracker administered by the agency. It is assumed any required modifications to this system could be completed with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

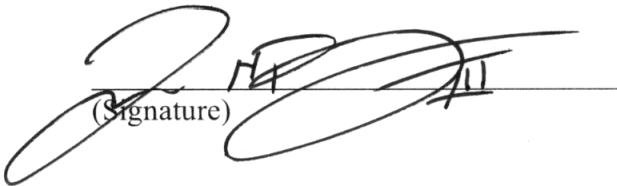
Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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**Certification of Compliance with
Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires that a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not a sustainable point of order.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on HB 357 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before paper copies of the report were submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.


(Signature)

5/27/23
(Date)