

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2015
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Elections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that county executive committee chairs need access to confidential information on a voter registration application to contact applicants who indicate an interest in working as an election judge. H.B. 2015 seeks to address this need by providing for the disclosure of certain registration information by a voter registrar.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2015 amends the Election Code to require a voter registrar to forward to the county chair of each county executive committee, of the following otherwise confidential information furnished on a voter registration application, the information necessary to contact applicants who indicate interest in working as an election judge: an applicant's social security number, an applicant's Texas driver's license number, the number of a personal identification card issued to an applicant by the Department of Public Safety, an indication that an applicant is interested in working as an election judge, and the residence address made confidential for certain applicants.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.