

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, there is no clear definition in the Election Code of what constitutes assistance to a voter who is eligible to receive assistance. There is a penalty related to the violation of the provision regarding assistance. H.B. 2094 provides a clear definition of voter assistance.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 64, Election Code, by adding Section 64.0321, as follows:

Sec. 64.0321. DEFINITION. Provides that, for purposes of this subchapter and Sections 85.035 and 86.010, assisting a voter includes the following conduct by a person other than the voter that occurs while the person is in the presence of the voter's ballot or carrier envelope: reading the ballot to the voter; directing the voter to read the ballot; marking the voter's ballot; or directing the voter to mark the ballot.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.