

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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 addresses this need by providing for the disclosure of certain registration information by a voter registrar.

H.B. 2015 amends the Election Code to require a voter registrar to forward to the county chair of each county executive committee the information necessary to contact applicants who indicate interest in working as an election judge. This information includes 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 Texas 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.

H.B. 2015 amends current law relating to the disclosure of certain registration information by the voter registrar.

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 13.004(c-1), Election Code, to require the voter registrar to ensure that the information listed in Subsection (c) (relating to information furnished on a registration application that is confidential and is not public information) is excluded from disclosure, except that the registrar is required to forward to the county chair of each county executive committee the information necessary to contact applicants who indicate interest in working as an election judge, rather than to require the registrar to ensure that the information listed in Subsection (c) is excluded from disclosure.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.