

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1085
By: Bettencourt
Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties assert that requiring the North Harris County Regional Water Authority to post notice at various polling places stating that an election for a position in the authority's board of directors has been canceled due to a candidate running unopposed represents an unnecessary use of the authority's time and money. S.B. 1085 seeks to eliminate this requirement.

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

S.B. 1085 amends Chapter 1029, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, to make the Election Code requirement that a copy of the declaration electing an unopposed candidate to office be posted at each polling place used or that would have been used in the election on the day an election would have been held if not for such declaration inapplicable to an election for the board of directors of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.