

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1241
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Elections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that the absence of street addresses on polling place location notices may discourage voters from seeking out a polling place if they are new to the county or otherwise unfamiliar with the area. H.B. 1241 seeks to address this issue by requiring a written notice of a polling place location to specify the street address of the polling place and any applicable building name.

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. 1241 amends the Election Code to require a written notice of a polling place location to state the building name, if any, and street address of the polling place.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.