

- SUBJECT:** Requiring the publication of voter information during early voting
- COMMITTEE:** Elections — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Klick, Cortez, Bucy, Burrows, Cain, Israel, Middleton, Swanson
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Fierro
- WITNESSES:** For — Alan Vera, Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee; Glen Maxey, Texas Democratic Party; Ed Johnson; Derek Ryan; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Heather Hawthorne, Joyce Hudman, and Jennifer Lindenzweig, County and District Clerks Association of Texas; Daniel Greer, Direct Action Texas; Cinde Weatherby, League of Women Voters of Texas; Lon Burnam, Public Citizen; Aryn James, Travis County Commissioners Court; Russell Hayter; Paul Hodson; Brandon Moore)
- Against — None
- On — Chris Davis, Texas Association of Elections Administrators; Keith Ingram, Texas Secretary of State-Elections Division
- BACKGROUND:** Election Code sec. 85.072 requires an election officer in charge of an early voting branch to prepare a daily register listing the voters who cast ballots at the branch for each day early voting is conducted at that polling place. This register is delivered daily at the close of each day's voting to the early voting clerk of the authority, and the clerk preserves each daily register for the precinct's elections records.
- Some have called for a uniform process to verify that an early vote was successfully recorded and for standardization of the process by which voters can request certain daily voting information.
- DIGEST:** HB 1850 would require the early voting clerk of an authority to provide a

current copy of the daily branch register for publication on the website of the authority ordering the election, if the authority maintained a website, each day that early voting was conducted. At a minimum, the voter registration number of each voter listed in the register would have to be posted.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.