

- SUBJECT:** Requiring certain election information to be posted online
- COMMITTEE:** Elections — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Klick, Cortez, Bucy, Burrows, Cain, Fierro, Israel, Middleton, Swanson
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Alan Vera, Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee; Cinde Weatherby, League of Women Voters of Texas; Glen Maxey, Texas Democratic Party; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Kathy Mitchell, Austin Justice Coalition; Amanda Gnaedinger, Common Cause Texas; Daniel Greer, Direct Action Texas; Fatima Menendez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Adrian Shelley, Public Citizen; Daniel Gonzalez and Julia Parenteau, Texas Realtors; Deece Eckstein, Travis County Commissioners Court)
- Against — None
- On — Chris Davis, Texas Association of Elections Administrators; Christina Adkins, Texas Secretary of State-Elections Division; Brandon Moore
- DIGEST:** CSHB 933 would require certain election information to be posted on the websites of the secretary of state and of each county.
- Election notices.** The bill would require counties conducting elections to post notices of elections, including the location of each polling place, on their websites at least 21 days before election day. Counties would be required to post notices of elections conducted by other entities, and the locations of each polling place, on their websites within the same time frame.
- County election offices and polling place information.** CSHB 933 would require county officers responsible for administering elections to

submit contact information for county election offices to the secretary of state to be posted on the secretary of state's website. The information also would be posted on counties' websites and would include street and mailing addresses; telephone and fax numbers; and email addresses.

Information about polling places, including early voting polling places, also would be required to be posted on the websites of the secretary of state and each county. Required information would include the names of the buildings in which the polling places were located, street addresses and ZIP codes, and the days and hours of voting at each location. The bill would require this information to be posted in a downloadable format on the secretary of state's website.

The secretary of state would be required to post county election office and polling place information on its website by September 1, 2019. Counties that maintained a website on that date would be required to post the information by October 1, 2019. Other counties would need to post by March 1, 2020.

The bill would allow the secretary of state to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source for the creation and maintenance of its website and require it to adopt any rules necessary to receive and post information.

Other county website information. CSHB 933 would require several other notices to be posted on county websites, including notices for:

- voting identification requirements to be posted by September 1, 2020;
- training sessions for election judges and county clerks;
- changes in county election precinct boundaries;
- changes in polling place locations;
- details about when a ballot box would be opened to retrieve erroneously placed election records in certain circumstances;
- changes in the early voting period if the early voting clerk was the county clerk;

- branch voting schedules for early voting if the early voting clerk was the county clerk;
- signature verification committees in certain elections;
- logic and accuracy tests; and
- periodic vote tabulation announcements.

Other secretary of state website information. CSHB 933 also would require notices to be posted on the secretary of state's website related to voting identification requirements, the time and place of state canvasses, petitions supplementing precinct convention lists, and the time and place for drawing the ballot order of constitutional amendments.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.