

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, counties receive no state funding for expenses incurred in connection with early voting in a primary election. S.B. 508 authorizes state funds to be spent to pay expenses incurred by counties in connection with primary election early voting operations. The bill also authorizes the secretary of state to grant, deny, or limit the amount of state funds requested.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 508 authorizes a county to request state funds for the payment of expenses incurred in connection with early voting in a primary election and authorizes the secretary of state to grant, deny, or limit the amount of state funds requested.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 173.003, Election Code, to authorize a county to request state funds for the payment of expenses incurred under Subsection (a) in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state. Authorizes the secretary to grant, deny, or limit the amount of state funds requested under this subsection. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.