BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, candidates for a judicial district office filled by the voters of a single county are not required to file certain judicial office campaign treasurer appointments and campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission. S.B. 1726 requires expanded filing procedures for these candidates.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1726 requires expanded filing procedures for certain judicial office campaign treasurer appointments and campaign finance reports.

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 252.005, Election Code, to require an individual to file with a judicial district office filled by voters of only one county. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 254.066, Election Code, to require certain reports to be filed with the county clerk. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 254.097, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 254.130, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. Makes application of Sections 252.005, 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election Code, as amended by this Act, prospective. Requires certain campaign treasurer appointments to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission by January 1, 2000.

SECTION 7. Emergency clause.