

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In an attempt to ensure that applications for early voting are returned to the appropriate election official, the 76th Legislature passed legislation to require an application form for early voting to be printed or stamped with the name of the early voting clerk. However, it has proved problematic for the secretary of state to print early voting applications with the individual name of each election clerk because of the large number of clerks in the state. H.B. 1639 removes the requirement that the name of the election clerk be printed or stamped on an application for early voting.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 84.001(d), Election Code, to prohibit an applicant from using an application form that is furnished to the applicant unless the application form is printed or stamped with the name or office or official title, rather than the name and official title, of the early voting clerk as addressee and the clerk's official mailing address.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.