BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, counties may purchase ineligible voter lists from private companies. These companies use numerous databases and cross match several public records and credit records to develop these lists, but the lists are not necessarily verified by the county that purchases the list. H.B. 2921 requires the registrar to verify the accuracy of a list of potentially ineligible voters that is obtained from a private entity before using the list of making the list available to the public.

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 Chapter 18A, Election Code, by adding Section 18.0121, as follows:

Sec. 18.0121. CONTRACT TO INVESTIGATE VOTER ELIGIBILITY. Prohibits a list of potentially ineligible voters produced for a county by a private business entity from being made available to the public or otherwise used by the registrar unless the registrar has verified the accuracy of the information on the list through available public records.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.