

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3128
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Write-in votes in most elections are prohibited from being counted for candidates not listed as write-in candidates. H.B. 3128 prohibits write-in ballots for county party chair elections from being counted without the candidate being listed as a write-in candidate.

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 the heading to Section 171.0231, Election Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 171.0231. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CHAIR OR PRECINCT CHAIR.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 171.0231(a), (d), and (e), Election Code, as follows:

(a) Removes an exception as provided by Subsection (f), and prohibits counting a write-in vote for the office of county chair unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates.

(d) Makes a conforming change.

(e) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 171.0231(f) (regarding counting write-in votes for county chair), Election Code.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.