## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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## **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, the Election Code provides for certain instances where a voter who moves to a new county is authorized to cast a ballot in the former county of residence. If a voter has not registered to vote in the new county, Section 112 of the Election Code allows the person to vote a limited ballot under certain conditions.

H.B. 2454 amends the eligibility requirements of Section 112, Election Code, to require a voter to have been registered to vote in the county of the person's former residence when the voter changed residence.

## 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 112.002, Election Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f), as follows:

- (a) Authorizes a person, after changing residence to another county, to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance during the early voting period or by mail if the person was registered to vote in the county of former residence when the voter changed residence. Makes nonsubstantive changes.
- (e) Authorzies a statement executed under Subsection (c) to include space for disclosure of any necessary information to enable the person to register to vote under Chapter 13.
- (f) Requires the secretary of state to prescribe the form of a statement executed under Subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.