

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Currently, the results of an election associated with an independent school district or local government, especially a tax ratification election, are not readily accessible. This leads to a less informed citizenry. To best ensure an informed public, especially as it relates to taxes and tax levies imposed on the taxpayer by an independent school district and local government, S.B. 1229 provides for cities, counties or independent school districts that maintain a website, the need to place election results on their website, no more than two clicks away from their homepage.

As proposed, S.B. 1229 amends current law relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election results on an Internet website.

### **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 Subchapter A, Chapter 65, Election Code, by adding Section 65.016, as follows:

Sec. 65.016. INTERNET POSTING OF ELECTION RESULTS. (a) Requires a county, city, or independent school district that holds or provides election services for an election and maintains an Internet website to post on its public Internet website the results of each election, the total number of votes cast, and the total number of votes cast for each candidate or for or against each measure.

(b) Requires the information described by Subsection (a) to be provided as soon as practicable after the election and to be accessible without having to make more than two selections or view more than two network locations after accessing the county's, city's, or district's Internet website home page.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.