

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 444
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, a write-in vote in a general election for city officers may not be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates. C.S.H.B. 444 modifies the write-in requirements for all city elections to bring the same guidelines to special elections as regular elections.

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 Sections 146.051 and 146.055, Election Code, as follows:

Sec. 146.051. Provides that a write-in vote in an election for city officers may not be counted unless the name appears on the list of write-in candidates. Deletes text specifying that the prohibition is in the case of a general election.

Sec. 146.055. Provides that Subchapter B applies to write-in voting in an election for city officers except to the extent of a conflict with this subchapter. Deletes text specifying that the applicability is to a general election.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Differs from the original by deleting the references to a general election to make the provisions apply to any election, rather than specifying that the provisions are applicable to a general or a special election.