

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, there are no provisions in Texas law that provide for an individual's ability to challenge a group of voters with a single affidavit or that stipulate whether or not the individual challenging a voter must possess specific personal knowledge that a challenged voter does not possess a specific qualification for remaining registered. As proposed, S.B. 1309 adds provisions that require the sworn statement challenging a voter's registration to properly identify each challenged voter and to be based upon specific personal knowledge of each challenged voter's lack of qualifications.

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 16.092, Election Code, to require a voter filing the sworn statement to properly identify each challenged voter in the sworn statement and to state a challenge, based upon personal knowledge, that each challenged voter does not possess a specific qualification for remaining registered.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.