

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current law requires a person circulating a petition for a candidate's place on a ballot to read certain statements in the petition to each person who signs it and requires each part of a petition to include an affidavit of the person who circulated it stating that the person pointed out and read certain statements to the signer. Many petitioners do not comply with these requirements because they are difficult and time-consuming to meet. As proposed, S.B. 1464 requires a person circulating a petition only to be present when each signature is obtained and requires the petition to include an affidavit attesting to that fact.

### **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 141.064, Election Code, to require a person circulating a petition for a candidate's place on a ballot to be present when each signature is obtained. Deletes text requiring a person to point out and read statements pertaining to the signer.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 141.065(a), Election Code, to require each part of a petition to include an affidavit of the person who circulated it stating that the person was present when each signature was obtained. Deletes text requiring the affidavit to state that the person pointed out and read statements pertaining to the signer.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.