

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, a county or district attorney is required to investigate alleged criminal conduct in an election on receipt of affidavits from two or more registered voters of the governmental entity that conducted the election. H.B. 2149 requires the county or district attorney to notify the secretary of state, who is the chief election officer of the state, when an election is being investigated.

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 273.001, Election Code, by adding Subsection (e), to require a county or district attorney, not later than the 30th day after the date on which the county or district attorney begins an investigation under this section, to deliver notice of the investigation to the secretary of state. Requires the notice to include a statement that a criminal investigation is being conducted and the date on which the election that is the subject of the investigation was held. Authorizes the secretary of state to disclose information relating to a criminal investigation received under this subsection only if the county or district attorney has disclosed the information or would be required by law to disclose the information.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.