

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Currently, if an applicant registers to vote or files a name or address change form, the local voter registrar will attempt to mail the updated voter registration certificate to the applicant within 30 days; however, this does not always occur.

Under current law, a change of name or address is not effective for 30 days, therefore an applicant filing an address change less than 30 days prior to an election must return to the polling location at which he or she was previously registered.

H.B. 1044 requires the local voter registrar to deliver or mail an initial voter registration certificate or a replacement voter registration certificate to an applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application or from the date a correction is filed.

### **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 13.144(a), Election Code, to require the registrar to deliver the original of an initial certificate in a certain manner not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar receives the voter registration application.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 15.004(b), Election Code, to require the registrar, not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar receives a notice of destruction or loss of a voter's registration certificate, to deliver to the voter a replacement certificate containing certain information.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 15.024(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Repealer: Section 13.144(c) (relating to the timeframe in which the registrar must deliver a registration certificate), Election Code.

SECTION 5. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2007.