

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1103
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

As passed unanimously from the Senate, S.B. 2020 by Creighton requires that only non-suspense voter registration addresses be utilized for jury wheels purposes. Non-suspense voter registration addresses are accurate within two years whereas suspense voter addresses are not, due to the county's inability to confirm current residency.

H.B. 1103 is a complementary cleanup bill to S.B. 2020 requiring the removal of suspense voters addresses from lists supplied by county voter registrars to the secretary of state for jury wheel consolidation purposes, since they will no longer be eligible for use in the reconstitution of the jury wheel. It simply proves and ensures suspense addresses are not inadvertently utilized.

H.B. 1103 amends current law relating to excluding a person on the suspense list from jury duty.

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 62.001(d), Government Code, as follows:

(d) Requires that the list required by Subsection (a)(1) (relating to requiring the jury wheel to be reconstituted using the names of certain persons as a source) exclude the names of persons on the suspense list maintained under Section 15.081 (Suspense List), Election Code. Deletes existing text authorizing the list required by Subsection (c) (relating to requiring the voter registrar of each county to furnish a certain voter registration list) to exclude, at the option of the voter registrar of each county, the names of persons on the suspense list maintained under Section 15.081, Election Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.