

- SUBJECT:** Modifying the posting requirements of convention and election notices
- COMMITTEE:** Elections — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Klick, Cortez, Bucy, Burrows, Cain, Fierro, Israel, Middleton
1 nay — Swanson
- WITNESSES:** For — Glen Maxey, Texas Democratic Party; Brandon Moore;
(*Registered, but did not testify*: Joanne Richards, Common Ground for
Texans; Lon Burnam, Public Citizen; Darwin Hamilton, Reentry
Advocacy Project)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steven Hotze, Conservative
Republicans of Texas)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Christina Adkins, Secretary of
State; Cary Roberts, Texas Association of Election Administrators)
- BACKGROUND:** Election Code sec. 172.1111 requires presiding judges to post notices of
precinct, county, senatorial, and state conventions before the opening of
the polls of an election at each outside door of a polling place. The notices
must include the date, hour, and place for each convention that voters in
the precinct could be eligible to attend during the election year. The
notices are required to be posted continuously through election day.

Sec. 172.1112(a) requires county clerks to post notices of elections and of
consolidated precincts, if applicable, for general and special elections.
These notices must be posted on a party's website, if the party maintains a
website. If the party does not maintain a website, the notice must be
posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of
the commissioners court.
- DIGEST:** HB 3252 would require notices of precinct, county, senatorial, and state
conventions to be posted before the opening of the polls during the early
voting period and on election day. Such notices would be required to

remain posted continuously throughout the early voting period and on election day.

The bill also would require notices of elections to be posted on the county clerk's website, if the county clerk maintained a website. If the clerk did not maintain a website, the notice would have to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting the notices of meetings of the commissioners court.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**SUPPORTERS
SAY:**

HB 3252 would correct a drafting error made during the last legislative session which required that notices of elections be posted on parties' websites instead of on counties' websites. Elections are functions carried out by counties, and notices of elections should be posted on counties' websites, not on parties' websites.

The bill also could allow more voters to see convention notices by requiring that such notices be posted continuously throughout the early voting period outside of polling locations.

**OPPONENTS
SAY:**

HB 3252 should allow notices of elections to be posted on general county websites for counties without a county clerk's website.