

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law prescribes different electioneering and distance markers for the general election day and the early voting period. Polling place and campaign workers are required to know different rules for different elections. H.B. 2093 prohibits a person from electioneering in or within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the building or structure in which the early voting polling place is located.

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 Sections 85.036(a) and (d), Election Code, as follows:

- (a) Prohibits a person from electioneering for or against any candidate, measure, or political party in or within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter, rather than a certain distance from, the building or structure in which the early voting polling place is located during the time an early voting polling place is open for the conduct of early voting. Removes exception as provided by Subsection (b). Deletes language relating to previous rules for posting distance markers.
- (d) Provides that a person commits an offense if the person electioneers in violation of Subsection (a). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Sections 85.036(b) and (f) (Electioneering Prohibited), Election Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.