

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 403
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the penalty for releasing voting results before the polls close is a Class C misdemeanor. H.B. 403 raises the offense from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor for premature disclosure of voting results.

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 61.007(b), Election Code, to provide that an offense under this section is a Class A, rather than a Class C, misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. (a) and (b) Make application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.