

1-1 By: Vo (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 2628  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;  
1-3 May 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Hughes	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Fallon	X		
1-14	Hall		X	
1-15	Lucio	X		
1-16	Nelson	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2628 By: Hughes

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the manner of reporting and maintaining certain  
1-22 information relating to candidates and election returns.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 67.007(a), (c), and (d), Election Code,  
1-25 are amended to read as follows:

1-26 (a) For each election for a statewide, ~~or~~ district,  
1-27 county, or precinct office, a statewide measure, or president and  
1-28 vice-president of the United States, the county clerk of each  
1-29 county in the territory covered by the election shall prepare  
1-30 county election returns.

1-31 (c) The county clerk shall certify ~~sign~~ the county returns  
1-32 ~~[to certify their accuracy]~~.

1-33 (d) Not later than 24 hours after completion of the local  
1-34 canvass, the county clerk shall deliver to the secretary of state,  
1-35 in the manner directed by the secretary, the county returns ~~[in a~~  
1-36 ~~sealed envelope]~~. ~~[The envelope shall be labeled: "Election~~  
1-37 ~~Returns for \_\_\_\_\_ (name) County, for \_\_\_\_\_ (election)."]~~

1-38 SECTION 2. Sections 67.008(b) and (c), Election Code, are  
1-39 amended to read as follows:

1-40 (b) The returns shall be delivered to the secretary of state  
1-41 as provided by Section 67.007. ~~[, except that the envelope shall be~~  
1-42 ~~labeled: "Returns of Election for Governor/Lieutenant Governor,~~  
1-43 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (name) County, for \_\_\_\_\_ (election)."]~~

1-44 (c) The secretary of state shall retain the returns ~~[in~~  
1-45 ~~their sealed condition]~~ until the first day of the next regular  
1-46 legislative session, when the secretary shall deliver the returns  
1-47 to the speaker of the house of representatives.

1-48 SECTION 3. Section 67.009(b), Election Code, is amended to  
1-49 read as follows:

1-50 (b) With the delivery of the official county returns forms,  
1-51 the secretary of state shall deliver ~~[+~~

1-52 ~~[(1)]~~ written instructions on the preparation and  
1-53 delivery of the county election returns ~~[, and~~

1-54 ~~[(2) the officially prescribed envelopes for~~  
1-55 ~~delivering the returns to the secretary].~~

1-56 SECTION 4. Section 181.032, Election Code, is amended by  
1-57 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
1-58 follows:

1-59 (b) Not later than the 10th day after the date of the filing  
1-60 deadline prescribed by Section 181.033, the authority with whom an

2-1 application is filed shall deliver to the secretary of state a list  
2-2 containing:

- 2-3 (1) each candidate's name;
- 2-4 (2) each candidate's residence address;
- 2-5 (3) the office sought by the candidate; ~~and~~
- 2-6 (4) the date on which the candidate filed the  
2-7 application; and
- 2-8 (5) any additional information required by the  
2-9 secretary of state.

2-10 (c) A list delivered under Subsection (b) must be in a  
2-11 format prescribed by the secretary of state.

2-12 SECTION 5. Section 181.068(a), Election Code, is amended to  
2-13 read as follows:

2-14 (a) The presiding officer of each convention held under this  
2-15 chapter shall certify, in a format prescribed by the secretary of  
2-16 state, [writing] for placement on the general election ballot the  
2-17 name and address of each candidate nominated by the convention.

2-18 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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