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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Durán DATE TYPED 2/20/05 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Voter Registration Closing Times SB 83
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the Election Code

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 83 amends the Election Code to set a definitive date for the closing of voter registration. The bill requires the county clerks to accept for filing any certificate of registration that is subscribed and dated on or before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election. Furthermore, the county clerks are required to accept for filing any mailed certificate of registration postmarked not less than twenty-eight days prior to any election and received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately following the close of registration.

Significant Issues

This bill will require county clerks to accept for filing certificates of voter registration, not just those “hand delivered”.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The definitive date and time for close of voter registration will continue to be less clear than as is proposed in this bill.

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