

HB 1754-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that with express authorization from the county legislative authority, the county auditor may conduct all primary, special, and general elections entirely by mail ballot. The county legislative authority must give the county auditor at least ninety days' notice before the first election to be conducted entirely by mail ballot. If the county legislative authority and the county auditor decide to return to a polling place election environment, the county legislative authority must give the county auditor at least one hundred eighty days' notice before the first election to be conducted using polling places. Authorization under this act must apply to all primary, special, and general elections conducted by the county auditor.

Provides that the county auditor shall notify each affected registered voter by mail that for all future primaries and elections the voting will be by mail ballot only.

Directs the secretary of state to evaluate available technologies to allow voters the ability to conveniently determine if their mail ballots were received and counted by their county auditor. No later than December 31, 2006, the secretary of state shall submit a report to the legislature outlining available mail ballot tracking technology. The report must include the secretary of state's recommendations on whether such technology should be implemented, and if so, how.