

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

December 9, 2020

# TEXAS LEGISLATURE 87th Session



#### **COUNTY'S PROGRAM**

- Initiatives: priority items; seek passage of bills
  - Cite & Release
  - Open Court
  - Parole Revocation Hearings
  - Student Expulsion
  - Vehicle Registration Fee Election
- Policies: establishes county's position; provides guidance



#### **ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

- Administrator position created in 2001
- Texas Elections Code, Chapter 31
  - Sec. 31.031. Creation of position
  - Sec. 31.032. Appointment of administrator by the election commission
    - County Judge; County Clerk; Tax Assessor-Collector; and, the county chair of each political party
  - Sec. 31.034. Eligibility
- Responsible for voter registration and election operations throughout the county



#### **ELECTIONS BILLS**

#### Topics

- Early voting: by mail; distribution of applications; days & hours
- Election integrity/fraud

- Straight-party voting
- Voter registration: auto with TxDL; Citizenship; Electronic

#### Stats

- As of: 12/08/20

Filed: 53

- R's: 12

- D's: 41

TEXAS LEGISLATURE 2021

GOP lawmakers heading into the legislative session take aim at voter fraud, despite no evidence of widespread problem

Nearly a dozen pieces of legislation, all of them filed by Republicans, target mail-in balloting, illegal voting and misbehaving elections officials — inspired by events and talking points from the BY KAREN BROOKS HARPER DEC. 1, 2020 5 AM





### QUESTIONS?

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