

Unauthorized Voting Disclosure; SB 122

SB 122 modifies the definition of the crime of unauthorized voting disclosure while being charged with any election duty. The bill makes it illegal to intentionally disclose or expose the name of any voter who has cast a ballot, whether provisional or regular, except as ordered by a court in an election contest. The bill also modifies previously existing conditions in the statute as follows:

- Disclosing or exposing the contents of a ballot – the bill modifies this condition to specify the ballot could be a regular or provisional ballot and eliminates from the condition disclosure of the manner in which the ballot has been voted; and
- Endeavoring to induce a voter to show how he or she voted – the bill revises this condition to read “induce or attempt to induce.”

The bill prohibits disclosing the name of any voter who has cast a ballot from the time the ballot is cast until the final canvass of the election; the bill also states nothing in the section will prohibit the disclosure of the names of advance voters. Finally, the bill states nothing in the section prohibits authorized poll agents from observing elections as allowed under continuing law.