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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> 1/23/07		
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Rep. M.P. Garcia	<b>LAST UPDATED</b>	<b>HB</b> 33
	Requiring Elections within Certain Conservancy		
<b>SHORT TITLE</b>	Districts to be Conducted by Mail-In Ballot	<b>SB</b>	
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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 33 strikes language that lays out the procedure for elections at polling places and replaces it with language to allow for elections by mail-in ballot where each qualified elector will receive a mail-in ballot prior to the election. It allows the election officer or director to prepare a separate ballot for each county within the conservancy district or one ballot for use within the entire conservancy district. When appropriate, the ballot shall contain numbered positions to which directors are to be elected at the election. The election materials will also include official inner envelopes for use in sealing completed ballots, official return envelopes, ballot instructions, and official transmittal envelopes for use by the election officer or director in mailing ballot materials.

New language includes the steps a qualified elector voting in a conservancy district election shall follow in filling out the ballot, the process the election officer or director shall follow in processing received ballots, the steps election judges must follow in handling ballots, and the process that challenger of an election ballot shall follow.

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The bill describes the recount procedure when electronic voting machines are not used and states that the ballots shall be canvassed, recounted and disposed of in the manner provided by the Election Code.

Lastly, the bill explains that when a qualified elector has not received a mailed ballot they may execute, in the office of the conservancy district, a sworn affidavit stating that the elector did not receive the ballot and a replacement ballot will be issued.

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