HCS HB 2271 -- EARLY VOTING (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elections

This bill requires each local election authority to establish one
advance voting center in each county in the state or at least one
center for every 100,000 people in population reasonably
distributed throughout the county. Any registered voter may vote
by advance ballot in person at any election for a federal or
statewide office. Advance voting must begin on the third Saturday
prior to the election and end on the Tuesday immediately preceding
the election, excluding Sundays. Advance voting must be conducted
from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and for a four-hour
period between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Secretary of State and each local election authority must
provide adequate public notice of the advance voting centers and
voting times including a posting at each local election authority's
respective office and on the website of each authority that
maintains a website. All current procedures for casting and
counting absentee ballots and the appointment of election judges
and polling places must apply to advance voting. All costs
associated with the implementation of advance voting must be
reimbursed from general revenue.