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H.B. No. 1412

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the elements of the offense of illegal voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 64.012(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) votes or attempts to vote in an election if [~~in which~~] the person knows:

(A) of particular circumstances that make the person [is] not eligible to vote in the election; and

(B) that those circumstances make the person not eligible to vote in the election;

(2) knowingly votes or attempts to vote more than once in an election;

(3) knowingly votes or attempts to vote a ballot belonging to another person, or by impersonating another person; or

(4) knowingly marks or attempts to mark any portion of another person's ballot without the consent of that person, or without specific direction from that person how to mark the ballot.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For

1 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
2 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
3 before that date.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.