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H.B. No. 1735

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the penalty for the offense of illegal voting;  
3 increasing a criminal penalty.

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

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

7 (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second  
8 degree unless the person is convicted of an attempt, in which event  
9 it is a state jail felony [~~Class A misdemeanor~~].

10 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
11 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
12 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed  
13 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former  
14 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this  
15 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this  
16 Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.