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H.B. No. 2619

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposing a civil penalty for a violation of the Election Code.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 273, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. CIVIL PENALTY

Sec. 273.101. CIVIL PENALTY. (a) In addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalty, a person who commits an offense prescribed by the election laws of this state is liable to this state for a civil penalty. The attorney general may bring an action to recover a civil penalty imposed under this section.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by a provision of this code, a civil penalty imposed under this section shall be not less than \$100,000.

(c) A civil penalty collected by the attorney general under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.