

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1911
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 20, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 5, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2; April 5, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1911 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to election supplies and the conduct of elections;
 1-24 creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 51.005, Election Code, is amended by
 1-27 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (d) to
 1-28 read as follows:

1-29 (a) The authority responsible for procuring the election
 1-30 supplies for an election shall provide for each election precinct a
 1-31 number of ballots equal to at least the percentage of voters who
 1-32 voted in that precinct in the most recent corresponding election
 1-33 plus 25 percent of that number.

1-34 (a-1) The [, except that the] number of ballots provided may
 1-35 not exceed the total number of registered voters in the precinct
 1-36 unless the county participates in the countywide polling place
 1-37 program under Section 43.007.

1-38 (d) The authority responsible for procuring the election
 1-39 supplies for an election commits an offense if the authority
 1-40 intentionally fails to provide an election precinct with the
 1-41 required number of ballots under this section. An offense under
 1-42 this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-43 SECTION 2. Section 51.008, Election Code, is amended by
 1-44 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-45 (e) The authority responsible for procuring the election
 1-46 supplies for an election commits an offense if the authority
 1-47 intentionally fails to promptly supplement the distributed ballots
 1-48 upon request by a polling place. An offense under this subsection
 1-49 is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-50 SECTION 3. Section 51.010(c), Election Code, is amended to
 1-51 read as follows:

1-52 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A [C]
 1-53 misdemeanor.

1-54 SECTION 4. Section 51.011(b), Election Code, is amended to
 1-55 read as follows:

1-56 (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony
 1-57 [Class C misdemeanor].

1-58 SECTION 5. Section 61.007(b), Election Code, is amended to
 1-59 read as follows:

1-60 (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony

2-1 [~~Class A misdemeanor~~].

2-2 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
2-3 51.010, 51.011, and 61.007, Election Code, apply only to an offense
2-4 committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense
2-5 committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
2-6 law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former
2-7 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
2-8 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this
2-9 Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

2-10 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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