

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for premature disclosure of voting results.

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

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

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A [~~C~~] misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by Section 1 of this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

(b) An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 403 was passed by the House on March 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 403 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor