1-1 Madden (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 403 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2003; April 3, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 1-8 relating to the penalty for premature disclosure of voting results. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-9 1-10 1-11 SECTION 1. Section 61.007(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-12 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A  $[\frac{C}{2}]$ 1-13 misdemeanor. SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by Section 1 of this  $\mbox{Act}$  applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of 1-17 1-18 the offense occurs before the effective date. 1-19 (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. 1-20 1-21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. 1-22

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