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H.B. No. 1173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of a building on a federal military base or  
3 facility as a polling place in an election.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 43.031(d), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (d) If a suitable public building is unavailable, the  
8 polling place may be located in some other building, including a  
9 building on a federal military base or facility with the permission  
10 of the post or base commander, and any charge for its use is an  
11 election expense. A polling place may not be located in a building  
12 under this subsection unless electioneering is permitted on the  
13 building's premises outside the prescribed limits within which  
14 electioneering is prohibited, except that a polling place may be  
15 located in a building at which electioneering is not permitted if it  
16 is the only building available for use as a polling place in the  
17 election precinct.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.