

1-1 By: Madden, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 1173
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2003;
1-3 April 28, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 22, 2003, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 22, 2003, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the use of a building on a federal military base or
1-10 facility as a polling place in an election.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 43.031(d), Election Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (d) If a suitable public building is unavailable, the
1-15 polling place may be located in some other building, including a
1-16 building on a federal military base or facility with the permission
1-17 of the post or base commander, and any charge for its use is an
1-18 election expense. A polling place may not be located in a building
1-19 under this subsection unless electioneering is permitted on the
1-20 building's premises outside the prescribed limits within which
1-21 electioneering is prohibited, except that a polling place may be
1-22 located in a building at which electioneering is not permitted if it
1-23 is the only building available for use as a polling place in the
1-24 election precinct.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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