

1-1 By: Campbell (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 2085
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2003;
1-3 May 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the availability of bilingual clerks for an election.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 272.009, Election Code, is amended to
1-11 read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 272.009. BILINGUAL ELECTION CLERKS. (a) The
1-13 presiding judge of an election precinct subject to Section 272.002
1-14 shall make reasonable efforts to appoint a sufficient number of
1-15 election clerks who are fluent in both English and Spanish to serve
1-16 the needs of the Spanish-speaking voters of the precinct.

1-17 (b) If the number of election clerks appointed under
1-18 Subsection (a) is insufficient to serve the needs of the
1-19 Spanish-speaking voters in the election, the authority holding the
1-20 election shall appoint at least one clerk who is fluent in both
1-21 English and Spanish to serve at a central location to provide
1-22 assistance for Spanish-speaking voters. On a primary election day,
1-23 the county chairs of each party holding a primary shall each appoint
1-24 one clerk under this subsection.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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