

1-1 By: Harper-Brown (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 2093
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to electioneering regulations during early voting.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 85.036(a) and (d), Election Code, are
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) During [~~Except as provided by Subsection (b), during~~]
1-13 the time an early voting polling place is open for the conduct of
1-14 early voting, a person may not electioneer for or against any
1-15 candidate, measure, or political party in or within 100 feet of an
1-16 outside door through which a voter may enter [~~a certain distance~~
1-17 ~~from~~] the building or structure in which the early voting polling
1-18 place is located[, ~~as follows:~~

1-19 [~~(1) for a building containing the main early voting~~
1-20 ~~polling place, a person may not electioneer in the room in which the~~
1-21 ~~polling place is located or within 30 feet of the entrance to the~~
1-22 ~~room in which the polling place is located;~~

1-23 [~~(2) for a building that is also used as a precinct~~
1-24 ~~polling place, a person may not electioneer within 100 feet of an~~
1-25 ~~outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which~~
1-26 ~~the polling place is located; and~~

1-27 [~~(3) for any other structure, a person may not~~
1-28 ~~electioneer within 30 feet of the entrance to the voting area].~~

1-29 (d) A person commits an offense if the person electioneers
1-30 in violation of Subsection (a) [~~or (b)~~].

1-31 SECTION 2. Sections 85.036(b) and (f), Election Code, are
1-32 repealed.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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