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H.B. No. 2094

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of providing assistance to a voter.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 64, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 64.0321 to read as follows:

Sec. 64.0321. DEFINITION. For purposes of this subchapter and Sections 85.035 and 86.010, assisting a voter includes the following conduct by a person other than the voter that occurs while the person is in the presence of the voter's ballot or carrier envelope:

- (1) reading the ballot to the voter;
- (2) directing the voter to read the ballot;
- (3) marking the voter's ballot; or
- (4) directing the voter to mark the ballot.

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