

1-1 By: Harper-Brown (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 2094
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the definition of providing assistance to a voter.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 64, Election Code, is
1-11 amended by adding Section 64.0321 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 64.0321. DEFINITION. For purposes of this subchapter
1-13 and Sections 85.035 and 86.010, assisting a voter includes the
1-14 following conduct by a person other than the voter that occurs while
1-15 the person is in the presence of the voter's ballot or carrier
1-16 envelope:

- 1-17 (1) reading the ballot to the voter;
- 1-18 (2) directing the voter to read the ballot;
- 1-19 (3) marking the voter's ballot; or
- 1-20 (4) directing the voter to mark the ballot.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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