

1-1 By: Denny (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 2154
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 20, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to appealing certain decisions of an election judge at a
1-9 polling place.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 32.075(c), Election Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (c) In performing duties under Subsection (a), a presiding
1-14 judge has the power of a district judge to enforce order and
1-15 preserve the peace, including the power to issue an arrest warrant.
1-16 An appeal of an order or other action of the presiding judge under
1-17 this section is made in the same manner as the appeal of an order or
1-18 other action of a district court in the county in which the polling
1-19 place is located.

1-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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