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H.B. No. 2279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to allowing certain early voting polling places to serve  
3 as election day polling places.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Election Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 43.007 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 43.007. ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACES. (a) The authority  
8 conducting an election shall establish an additional polling place  
9 at the location of each branch early voting polling place, other  
10 than a moveable temporary branch early voting polling place, used  
11 in the election if the authority:

12 (1) conducts the election using a direct recording  
13 electronic voting machine; and

14 (2) uses an instant electronic system at each polling  
15 place to verify whether a voter has voted in an election.

16 (b) A polling place established under this section must  
17 enable a voter of any precinct in the election to cast a ballot.

18 (c) The secretary of state must approve a system to be used  
19 under Subsection (a)(2).

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
21 applies only to an election ordered on or after that date.