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H.B. No. 3119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and
3 related procedures.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 63.0091 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 63.0091. REGISTRATION AT POLLING PLACE; VOTING
8 PROCEDURES. (a) This section applies to the conduct of voting and
9 to the registration of voters notwithstanding and in addition to
10 other applicable provisions of this code.

11 (b) A person who would be eligible to vote in an election
12 under Section 11.001, but for the requirement to be a registered
13 voter, shall be accepted for voting in the precinct of the person's
14 residence if, on the day the person offers to vote, the person
15 submits a voter registration application that complies with Section
16 13.002 and:

17 (1) presents proof of identification in a form
18 described by Section 63.0101 that also establishes the person's
19 residence; or

20 (2) submits an affidavit that:

21 (A) is executed by a registered voter of the
22 precinct who is present at the polling place with the person;

23 (B) states the person's residence address or, if
24 the residence has no address, states:

1 (i) the address at which the person
2 receives mail; and

3 (ii) a concise description of the location
4 of the person's residence; and

5 (C) states that the affiant has personal
6 knowledge of the location of the person's residence.

7 (c) Persons voting under this section shall be processed
8 separately at the polling place from persons who are voting under
9 regular procedures.

10 (d) The secretary of state shall prescribe the procedures
11 necessary to implement this section and to ensure the proper and
12 orderly conduct of elections.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.