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S.B. No. 1643

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of election officers for a central counting station for certain elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 127.005, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) For an election in which election judges appointed under Section 32.002 serve, the presiding judge and an alternate presiding judge shall be appointed for each central counting station operating in the election in the same manner as a presiding judge and alternate presiding judge under Section 32.002.

(f) An alternate presiding judge appointed under Subsection (e) serves:

(1) as presiding judge for the counting station if the regularly appointed presiding judge cannot serve; or

(2) in another position established under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 127, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 127.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 127.008. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTING STATION STAFF. (a) This section applies only to an election in which election judges appointed under Section 32.002 serve.

(b) Not later than the 25th day before the day of an election, the county chair of each political party that holds a

1 primary in the county shall submit in writing to the commissioners
2 court a list of names of persons qualified for each position
3 described in this subchapter, other than presiding judge. To the
4 extent possible, the person designated to make appointments under
5 this subchapter shall make appointments in equal numbers from the
6 lists provided under this subsection. If not serving as presiding
7 judge, the alternate presiding judge shall be appointed to one of
8 the positions.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.