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S.B. No. 1644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the early voting clerk of an election in which the
3 county clerk is a candidate.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 83.002, Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 83.002. COUNTY CLERK AS EARLY VOTING CLERK. (a)
8 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the [The] county clerk is the
9 early voting clerk for the county in:

10 (1) the general election for state and county officers
11 and any other countywide election held at county expense;

12 (2) a primary election; and

13 (3) a special election ordered by the governor.

14 (b) Not later than the 65th day before the date of the
15 election, the commissioners court shall appoint one of the county
16 clerk's permanent deputies to serve as the early voting clerk in an
17 election in which the county clerk is:

18 (1) designated as the early voting clerk for the
19 county under Subsection (a); and

20 (2) a candidate for an office for which more than one
21 name appears on the ballot for election to that office.

22 (c) If an appointment is made under Subsection (b), a
23 reference in this title to the county clerk in relation to early
24 voting in an election to which Subsection (b) applies means the

1 person appointed by the commissioners court under Subsection (b).

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