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H.B. No. 535

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 535:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the offense of using a sound amplification device near a
3 polling place.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 61.004, Election Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 61.004. UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF SOUND AMPLIFICATION
8 DEVICE OR SOUND TRUCK.

9 SECTION 2. Section 61.004(a), Election Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (a) A person commits an offense if, during the voting period
12 and within 1,000 feet of a building in which a polling place is
13 located, the person operates a sound amplification device or a
14 vehicle with a loudspeaker while the device or loudspeaker is being
15 used for the purpose of:

16 (1) making a political speech; or

17 (2) electioneering for or against any candidate,
18 measure, or political party.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.