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H.B. No. 535

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of using a hand-held loudspeaker near a polling place.

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

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

Sec. 61.004. UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF LOUDSPEAKER OR SOUND TRUCK.

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

(a) A person commits an offense if, during the voting period and within 1,000 feet of a building in which a polling place is located, the person uses a hand-held loudspeaker or operates a vehicle with a loudspeaker while the loudspeaker is being used for the purpose of:

(1) making a political speech; or

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

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