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H.B. No. 899

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to allowing certain early voting polling places to serve
3 as election day polling places.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 43.007 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 43.007. MAIN POLLING PLACE FOR CERTAIN VOTERS. (a)
8 This section applies only to an authority that uses an instant
9 electronic system approved by the secretary of state at each
10 polling place to verify whether a voter has voted in an election.

11 (b) The authority conducting an election may establish on
12 election day an additional polling place at the location of the main
13 early voting polling place.

14 (c) A voter may cast a ballot at the additional polling
15 place established under this section if the voter is unable to find
16 the polling place in the voter's precinct.

17 (d) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
18 implement this section.

19 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an election ordered on
20 or after the effective date of this Act.

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