

1-1 By: Bohac (Senate Sponsor - Lindsay) H.B. No. 1580
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;
1-3 May 17, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the period for preserving precinct election records.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 66.058(a) and (g), Election Code, are
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this code, the precinct
1-13 election records shall be preserved by the authority to whom they
1-14 are distributed for at least 22 months [~~60 days~~] after election day.

1-15 (g) For the preservation of [The] precinct election records
1-16 in an election involving a federal office, the [~~shall be preserved~~
1-17 ~~by the authority to whom they are distributed for at least 22 months~~
1-18 ~~after election day in accordance with federal law. The]~~ secretary
1-19 of state shall instruct the affected authorities on the actions
1-20 necessary for compliance with federal law.

1-21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
1-22 preservation of precinct election records for an election held on
1-23 or after the effective date of this Act. The preservation of
1-24 precinct election records for an election held before the effective
1-25 date of this Act is governed by the law immediately in effect before
1-26 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
1-27 effect for that purpose.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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