A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the form of information printed on a ballot used in an

3 election.

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

5   SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 52, Election Code, is

6 amended by adding Section 52.075 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 52.075. ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AFTER INSTRUCTIONS

8 PROHIBITED. A ballot may not contain any language following the

9 instructions required by Sections 52.070 and 52.071, other than

10 language required by this chapter for straight-party voting or

11 voting for a candidate or proposition.

12   SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 52, Election Code, is

13 amended by adding Section 52.096 to read as follows:

14   Sec. 52.096. BALLOT PAGE MUST CONTAIN MULTIPLE MEASURES OR

15 OFFICES. (a) A ballot may not provide for casting a straight-party

16 vote or voting for a single office or measure on a page that does not

17 provide for voting on another office or measure.

18   (b) This section does not apply to:

19   (1) an office or measure that is the only office or

20 measure to be voted on at the election; or

21   (2) the final office or measure on the ballot if there

22 is not space to include the final office or measure on the previous

23 page.

24   SECTION 3. Sections 52.075 and 52.096, Election Code, as

1 added by this Act, apply only to an election ordered on or after

2 September 1, 2005.

3   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.