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H.B. No. 3295

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the electronic reporting of precinct results to the secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 67.017(a), (b), and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) After each election for a statewide office or the office of United States representative, state senator, or state representative, the county clerk shall prepare a report of the number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each county election precinct for each candidate for each of those offices. In a presidential election year, the report must include the number of votes received in each precinct for each set of candidates for president and vice-president of the United States. For any other election, the presiding officer of the canvassing authority shall prepare a report of the precinct results as contained in the election register.

(b) The county clerk or presiding officer shall deliver the report to the secretary of state not later than the 30th day after election day in an electronic format prescribed by the secretary of state.

(c) The report may be:

(1) an electronic ~~[a transcribed or photographic]~~ copy of the precinct returns;

1 (2) an electronic [~~a transcribed or photographic~~] copy
2 of the tabulation prepared by the local canvassing authority; or

3 (3) in any other electronic form approved by the
4 secretary of state.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The changes in law made by this Act to
6 Section 67.017, Election Code, apply only to an election held on or
7 after January 1, 2006.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the secretary of state
9 shall prescribe an electronic format on which a county clerk or a
10 presiding officer of a canvassing authority shall submit the report
11 required under Section 67.017, Election Code, as amended by this
12 Act.

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