

Amend **HB 556** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and by renumbering the existing SECTIONS as appropriate:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The heading to Section 31.009, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.009. DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN [~~FEDERAL~~] FUNDS.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 31.009(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If federal funds are made available to assist the state in the administration of elections, including assistance for the phasing out or prohibition of the use of punch-card ballot voting systems in this state, or state funds are made available to reimburse political subdivisions for expenses incurred in conducting a special election that is held statewide, the secretary of state shall administer and distribute the funds as appropriate to most effectively facilitate the purposes for which the funds are made available.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.