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H.B. No. 243

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 43.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.008. MAIN POLLING PLACE FOR CERTAIN VOTERS. (a) An authority conducting an election may establish on election day an additional polling place at the location of the main early voting polling place that is open during the first two hours of voting and during the last two hours of voting.

(b) A voter may cast a ballot at the additional polling place established under this section if the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter:

(1) is unable to find the polling place in the voter's precinct; and

(2) has not previously voted in the election.

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

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.