

By: Smith of Harris

H.B. No. 600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of certain voting equipment in an election that  
3 does not involve a federal office.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.012, Election Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) For an election of a political subdivision, other than  
8 an election of a political subdivision that is held jointly with  
9 another election in which a federal office appears on the ballot,  
10 this section does not require the use of a voting station that meets  
11 the requirements for accessibility under 42 U.S.C. Section  
12 15481(a)(3) at a polling place if in the previous general election  
13 held by the subdivision less than 100 votes were cast in:

14 (1) the precinct the polling place serves; or

15 (2) all precincts the polling place serves if the  
16 polling place serves more than one precinct.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
22 legislative session.