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H.B. No. 3142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to equal representation for each political party among the election officers for early voting.

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

SECTION 1. Section 85.002, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) For the general election for state and county officers or a primary election conducted by a county, the composition of the set of election officers serving the main early voting polling place, including employees of the county, must provide equal representation for each political party holding a primary election in the county.

SECTION 2. Sections 85.069(b) and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The [~~Except as provided by Subsection (c), the~~] composition of the set of election officers serving a branch polling place must provide representation for each political party conducting a primary election in the county.

(c) For the general election for state and county officers, and for a special election to fill a vacancy in an office regularly filled at the general election for state and county officers, and a primary election conducted by a county, the composition of the set of election officers serving a branch polling place, including [~~who are not~~] employees of the county,

1 must [~~to the extent practicable,~~] provide equal representation for
2 each political party holding [~~conducting~~] a primary election in the
3 county.

4 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
5 an election for which early voting begins on or after September 1,
6 2007.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.