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H.B. No. 3142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (c) For the general election for state and county officers,
20 [~~and for~~] a special election to fill a vacancy in an office
21 regularly filled at the general election for state and county
22 officers, and a primary election conducted by a county, the
23 composition of the set of election officers serving a branch
24 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.