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S.B. No. 958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to public access to information contained in an early
3 voting roster.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 87.121, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (c), (d), (g), and (h), and adding Subsection
7 (i) to read as follows:

8 (c) Each roster shall be updated at the end of each day to
9 include the information relating to persons who voted early by
10 personal appearance on that day and whose ballots to be voted early
11 by mail were received on that day [~~daily~~].

12 (d) Each roster may be maintained in any electronic form
13 approved by the secretary of state that is capable of being posted
14 on an Internet website as provided by Subsection (g) or (h) and
15 downloaded onto a compact disc, digital versatile disc, or similar
16 digital storage medium.

17 (g) Information on the roster for a person who votes an
18 early voting ballot by personal appearance shall be made available
19 for public inspection in person and on the Internet website of the
20 authority ordering the election, not later than the beginning of
21 regular business hours on the day after the date the information is
22 entered on the roster under Subsection (c).

23 (h) Information on the roster for a person who votes an
24 early voting ballot by mail shall be made available for public

1 inspection in person and on the Internet website of the authority
2 ordering the election, not later than the day following the day the
3 early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail.

4 (i) If the authority ordering an election does not maintain
5 an Internet website, the information required under Subsection (g)
6 or (h) shall be made available on the Internet website of the
7 secretary of state within the time required by Subsection (g) or
8 (h). The secretary of state shall ensure that an authority has
9 access to provide information required by this section on the
10 secretary of state's Internet website.

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