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H.B. No. 157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and  
3 related procedures.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding  
6 Section 63.0091 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 63.0091. REGISTRATION AT POLLING PLACE; VOTING  
8 PROCEDURES. (a) This section applies to the conduct of voting and  
9 to the registration of voters notwithstanding and in addition to  
10 other applicable provisions of this code.

11 (b) A person who would be eligible to vote in an election  
12 under Section 11.001, but for the requirement to be a registered  
13 voter, shall be accepted for voting in the precinct of the person's  
14 residence if, on the day the person offers to vote, the person:

15 (1) submits a voter registration application that  
16 complies with Section 13.002; and

17 (2) presents proof of identification in a form  
18 described by Section 63.0101 that also establishes the person's  
19 residence.

20 (c) Persons voting under this section shall be processed  
21 separately at the polling place from persons who are voting under  
22 regular procedures.

23 (d) The secretary of state shall prescribe the procedures  
24 necessary to implement this section and to ensure the proper and

1 orderly conduct of elections.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.