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H.B. No. 247

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to allowing certain early voting polling places to serve
3 as election day polling places.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 43.008 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 43.008. MAIN POLLING PLACE FOR CERTAIN VOTERS. (a) An
8 authority conducting an election may establish on election day an
9 additional polling place at the location of the main early voting
10 polling place that is open during the first two hours of voting and
11 during the last two hours of voting.

12 (b) A voter may cast a ballot at the additional polling
13 place established under this section if the voter executes an
14 affidavit stating that the voter:

15 (1) is unable to find the polling place in the voter's
16 precinct; and

17 (2) has not previously voted in the election.

18 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
19 implement this section.

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