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H.B. No. 1256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the posting of notice of voter complaint information at a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0112 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0112. NOTICE OF VOTER COMPLAINT INFORMATION. (a)

At one or more locations in the polling place easily visible to voters, the presiding judge shall post notice in a form prescribed by the secretary of state that informs voters of who to call or write to if a voter has a complaint about the conduct of the election.

(b) The notice must:

(1) be printed in at least 200-point Times New Roman font;

(2) include the telephone number for the voting rights hotline established by the secretary of state under Section 31.0055;

(3) include any available telephone number dedicated to reporting complaints about the local election official that is administering the election; and

(4) include mailing addresses or Internet websites, as available, to which voters may direct complaints to the federal, state, or local governments about the conduct of elections.

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