

1-1 By: Allen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 1256
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2009;
1-3 May 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requiring the posting of notice of voter complaint
1-9 information at a polling place.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding
1-12 Section 62.0112 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 62.0112. NOTICE OF VOTER COMPLAINT INFORMATION. (a)
1-14 At one or more locations in the polling place easily visible to
1-15 voters, the presiding judge shall post notice in a form prescribed
1-16 by the secretary of state that informs voters of who to call or
1-17 write to if a voter has a complaint about the conduct of the
1-18 election.

1-19 (b) The title of the notice must read "Voter Complaint
1-20 Information" and must be printed in at least 100-point Times New
1-21 Roman font. The notice must:

1-22 (1) include the telephone number for the voting rights
1-23 hotline established by the secretary of state under Section
1-24 31.0055;

1-25 (2) include any available telephone number dedicated
1-26 to reporting complaints about the local election official that is
1-27 administering the election; and

1-28 (3) include mailing addresses or Internet websites, as
1-29 available, to which voters may direct complaints to the federal,
1-30 state, or local governments about the conduct of elections.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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