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H.B. No. 2801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of emergency paper ballots.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 61, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 61.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.016. EMERGENCY PAPER BALLOTS. (a) An insufficient number of ballots or a malfunction of electronic voting system equipment must be remedied through the use of emergency paper ballots when no other method of voting is available during voting hours for a person whose acceptance for voting is required by this code.

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures for the creation and use of emergency paper ballots as required by this section.

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