

By: Coleman

H.B. No. 2958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to excused absences from public schools for voting in certain elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.087(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:

(1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:

(A) observing religious holy days; or

(B) attending a required court appearance; or

(2) a temporary absence for the following purposes, ~~[resulting from health care professionals]~~ if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day as the temporary absence:

(A) attending an appointment with a health care professional; or

(B) voting in a national, state, or local election ~~[of the appointment].~~

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.