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S.B. No. 1134

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority for certain high school students to serve as election clerks.

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 resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment; or

(3) the purpose of serving as an election clerk under Chapter 32, Election Code.

SECTION 2. Section 32.051, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), to ~~to~~ be eligible to serve as a clerk of an election precinct, a person must be a qualified voter:

(1) of the county, in a countywide election ordered by

1 the governor or a county authority or in a primary election;

2 (2) of the part of the county in which the election is
3 held, for an election ordered by the governor or a county authority
4 that does not cover the entire county of the person's residence; or

5 (3) of the political subdivision, in an election
6 ordered by an authority of a political subdivision other than a
7 county.

8 (f) A person who is 16 years of age or older, a United States
9 citizen, and a student of good standing at a public or private
10 secondary school may be an election clerk. The county clerk or
11 elections administrator of a county in which a student will serve as
12 an election clerk as provided by this section shall work with the
13 county's secondary schools to identify students eligible to serve
14 as clerks under this section. Not more than two clerks eligible
15 under this section may serve at a polling place, except that not
16 more than four clerks eligible under this section may serve at any
17 countywide polling place.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.