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S.B. No. 1780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to political party precinct conventions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 172.1111(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Before the opening of the polls, the presiding judge shall post ~~[at each outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which the polling place is located]~~ a written notice in bold print of the date, hour, and place for convening the precinct convention:

(1) at each outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which the polling place is located; and

(2) at one additional public place in the precinct as determined by the presiding judge.

SECTION 2. Section 172.1141, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 172.1141. LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS FOR CONVENTION.

(a) At the same time the acceptance of each voter for voting in the general primary election is indicated on the precinct list of registered voters furnished for use in the election, the acceptance of the voter shall also be indicated on the list furnished for use in the party's conventions.

(b) For purposes of this section, paired or combined precinct voter lists may not be combined.

1 SECTION 3. Section 174.023(a), Election Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) The county chair shall post a notice of the hour and
4 place for convening each precinct convention on the bulletin board
5 used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court and
6 at one additional public place in the county. The notice must
7 remain posted continuously for the 10 days immediately preceding
8 the date of the convention.

9 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 174, Election Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 174.028 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 174.028. SECRETARY OF STATE STUDY. The secretary of
12 state shall conduct a biennial study regarding the requirements of
13 this subchapter and the effect of those requirements on the
14 efficient operation of precinct conventions. Not later than
15 January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall
16 report the results of the study and issue any recommendations for
17 statutory changes based on the study to the legislature.

18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.