

Amend **HB 2817** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 62.011(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The poster must include instructions applicable to the election on:

- (1) marking and depositing the ballot;
- (2) voting for a write-in candidate;
- (3) ~~[casting a straight-party vote,~~
~~[4)]~~ casting a provisional ballot;
- ~~[(5) until the expiration of Section 13.122(d), voting for the first time by a person who registered by mail,]~~ and
- (4) ~~[(6)]~~ securing an additional ballot if the voter's original ballot is spoiled.

SECTION _____. Section 65.011, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65.011. OVERVOTING. If ~~[Except as provided by Section 65.007(c) or (d), if]~~ a voter marks the ballot for more candidates for an office than the number of persons to be elected for that office, none of the votes may be counted for that office.

SECTION _____. Section 105.002(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the ballot to allow a voter to cast a vote in each federal, state, or local race in the election. The ballot must allow a voter to write in the name of a candidate ~~[or, if applicable, cast a straight-party vote]~~.

- (1) direct the testing board to cast votes;
- (2) verify that each contest position on the ballot can be voted and is accurately counted for each precinct and ballot style;
- (3) include overvotes and undervotes for each race, if applicable to the system being tested;
- (4) ~~[include straight-party votes and crossover votes,~~
~~[(5)]~~ include write-in votes, when applicable to the

election;

(5) [~~(6)~~] include provisional votes, if applicable to the system being tested;

(6) [~~(7)~~] calculate the expected results from the test ballots;

(7) [~~(8)~~] ensure that each voting machine has any public counter reset to zero and presented to the testing board for verification before testing;

(8) [~~(9)~~] require that, for each feature of the system that allows disabled voters to cast a ballot, at least one vote be cast and verified by a two-person testing board team using that feature; and

(9) [~~(10)~~] require that, when all votes are cast, the general custodian of election records and the testing board observe the tabulation of all ballots and compare the actual results to the expected results.

SECTION _____. Sections 1.005(20), 52.071, 64.004, 65.007, 122.001(b), 124.001, 124.003(d), 124.063(d), and 232.050(d), Election Code, are repealed.