

Amend **HB 2817** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 32.075, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) The presiding judge or a special peace officer appointed under this section may not remove an alternate presiding judge from the polling place without:

(1) the approval of the county clerk, county elections administrator, or similar official administering the election for a political subdivision; and

(2) the documentation and certification by the presiding judge of the reason for removal.

(g) A person is eligible for appointment as a special peace officer under Subsection (b) only if the person is licensed as a peace officer by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 33.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.008. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. (a) During the administration of the election, any information provided by a watcher under this chapter that may be used to identify the watcher is confidential and may be used only for election administration purposes. The information may be made available to the public beginning on the day after election day.

(b) It is an offense to disclose information described by Subsection (a) during the administration of the election without the permission of the watcher.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.