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

SECTION ____. Section 87.0241, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the [The] board may not count early voting ballots until:

(1) the polls open on election day; or

(2) in an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more or conducted jointly with such a county, the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance.

(d) An early voting ballot board may establish a process for removing data from voting machines used in early voting before the polls open on election day if:

(1) the county will use the voting machines on election day; and

(2) the secretary of state approves the process.