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H.B. No. 239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of paying or receiving certain forms of compensation for facilitating the registration of voters; providing criminal penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.008. PERFORMANCE-BASED COMPENSATION FOR REGISTERING VOTERS PROHIBITED. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) compensates another person based on the number of voter registrations that the other person successfully facilitates;

(2) presents another person with a quota of voter registrations to facilitate as a condition of payment or employment;

(3) engages in another practice that causes another person's compensation from or employment status with the person to be dependent on the number of voter registrations that the other person facilitates; or

(4) accepts compensation for an activity described by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) An officer, director, or other agent of an entity that

1 commits an offense under this section is punishable for the
2 offense.

3 SECTION 2. Section 13.036(a), Election Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (a) An appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar is
6 terminated on:

7 (1) the expiration of the volunteer deputy's term of
8 appointment; or

9 (2) the final conviction of the volunteer deputy for
10 an offense prescribed by Section 13.008 or 13.043.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.