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H.B. No. 304

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to limiting the amount of assistance a person may provide a
3 voter; providing a civil penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 64.032, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c-1) The person selected under Subsection (c) must also be
9 a registered voter of the county in which the election is being
10 held.

11 (d) If assistance is provided by a person of the voter's
12 choice, the person shall provide a photo identification to an
13 election officer and the officer shall enter the person's name and
14 address on the poll list beside the voter's name.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 64, Election Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 64.0325 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 64.0325. LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE. (a) A person
18 chosen under Section 64.032(c) may not assist more than two voters
19 in a day, including assistance provided during the period for early
20 voting by personal appearance and assistance provided under Section
21 86.010.

22 (b) A person who violates Subsection (a) is liable to the
23 state for a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000. The attorney
24 general or the appropriate district or county attorney may bring

1 suit to recover a penalty under this subsection.

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