By: Chisum   H.B. No. 631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to processing certain early voting ballots before election

3 day.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 87.0241, Election Code, is amended by

6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as

7 follows:

8   (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the [The] board

9 may not count early voting ballots until:

10   (1) the polls open on election day; or

11   (2) in an election conducted by an authority of a

12 county with a population of 100,000 or more or conducted jointly

13 with such a county, the end of the period for early voting by

14 personal appearance.

15   (d) An early voting ballot board may establish a process for

16 removing data from voting machines used in early voting before the

17 polls open on election day if:

18   (1) the county will use the voting machines on

19 election day; and

20   (2) the secretary of state approves the process.

21   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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