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H.B. No. 1627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements of election judges.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 32.051(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) [~~or (e)~~], to be eligible to serve as a judge of an election precinct, a person must:

(1) be a qualified voter of the precinct; and

(2) for a regular county election precinct for which an appointment is made by the commissioners court, satisfy any additional eligibility requirements prescribed by written order of the commissioners court.

(b) If the authority making an [~~emergency~~] appointment of a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge cannot find an eligible qualified voter of the precinct who is willing to accept the appointment, the eligibility requirement for a clerk prescribed by Subsection (c) applies.

SECTION 2. Section 32.051(e), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an election judge or clerk appointed for an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.