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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the oath taken by a person who assists a voter.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- SECTION 1. Section 64.034, Election Code, is amended to 4
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 64.034. OATH. A person selected to provide assistance
- 7 to a voter must take the following oath, administered by an election
- officer at the polling place, before providing assistance: 8
- "I swear (or affirm) that I will not suggest, by word, sign, 9
- or gesture, how the voter should vote; I will confine my assistance 10
- 11 to answering the voter's questions, to stating propositions on the
- 12 ballot, and to naming candidates and, if listed, their political
- parties; [and] I will prepare the voter's ballot as the voter 13
- 14 directs; and I am not the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's
- employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter 15
- belongs." 16
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011. 17