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H.B. No. 2058

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the offense of unacknowledged assistance to a voter in  
3 completing an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 84.003(b), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) A person who acts as a witness for an applicant for an  
8 early voting ballot application commits an offense if the person  
9 knowingly fails to comply with Section 1.011. A person who [~~in the~~  
10 ~~presence of the applicant~~] otherwise assists an applicant in  
11 completing an early voting ballot application commits an offense if  
12 the person knowingly fails to comply with Section 1.011(d) in the  
13 same manner as a witness.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
15 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
16 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
17 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and  
18 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
19 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
20 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
21 before that date.

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