

1-1 By: Harless (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 2477
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2011;
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 16, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2477 By: Ellis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to provision of bilingual election materials.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 142.010, Election Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-14 (d) In conjunction with the certification required under
1-15 Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate
1-16 ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language
1-17 certified statewide or in a specific county by the director of the
1-18 census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 161.008, Election Code, is amended by
1-20 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-21 (d) In conjunction with the certification required under
1-22 Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate
1-23 ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language
1-24 certified statewide or in a specific county by the director of the
1-25 census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

1-26 SECTION 3. Section 192.033, Election Code, is amended by
1-27 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-28 (d) In conjunction with the certification required under
1-29 Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate
1-30 ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language
1-31 certified statewide or in a specific county by the director of the
1-32 census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

1-33 SECTION 4. Section 274.003, Election Code, is amended by
1-34 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-35 (c) In conjunction with the certification required under
1-36 Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate
1-37 ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language
1-38 certified statewide or for a specific county by the director of the
1-39 census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

1-40 SECTION 5. Chapter 272, Election Code, is amended by adding
1-41 Section 272.011 to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 272.011. BILINGUAL ELECTION MATERIALS REQUIRED IN
1-43 CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) If the director of the census
1-44 determines under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a that a political
1-45 subdivision must provide election materials in a language other
1-46 than English or Spanish, the political subdivision shall provide
1-47 election materials in that language in the same manner in which the
1-48 political subdivision would be required to provide materials in
1-49 Spanish under this chapter, to the extent applicable.

1-50 (b) The secretary of state shall prepare the translation for
1-51 election materials required to be provided in a language other than
1-52 English or Spanish for the following state prescribed voter forms:

1-53 (1) voter registration application form required by
1-54 Section 13.002;

1-55 (2) the confirmation form required by Section 15.051;

1-56 (3) the voting instruction poster required by Section
1-57 62.011;

1-58 (4) the statement of residence form required by
1-59 Section 63.0011;

1-60 (5) the provisional ballot affidavit required by
1-61 Section 63.011;

1-62 (6) the application for a ballot by mail required by
1-63 Section 84.011;

2-1 (7) the carrier envelope and voting instructions
2-2 required by Section 86.013; and
2-3 (8) any other voter forms that the secretary of state
2-4 identifies as frequently used and for which state resources are
2-5 otherwise available.

2-6 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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