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H.B. No. 3223

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voting after polls close.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.032, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) If voters are waiting to enter the polling place at closing time, the presiding judge shall direct them to enter the polling place and shall close it to others. However, if that procedure is impracticable, at closing time the presiding judge shall compile a list of the names of each voter in line at the time of closing [~~distribute numbered identification cards to the waiting voters~~] and permit entry into the polling place for voting after closing time only by a voter whose name appears on the list [~~those possessing a card~~].

(d) The presiding judge shall make an announcement at 6:45 p.m. to voters waiting to enter the polling place that the time for closing the polls is in 15 minutes.

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