

Amend **HB 148** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 22-56).

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 86.0052, Election Code (page 1, lines 59 and 60), strike "OF ANOTHER FOR COLLECTING BALLOTING MATERIALS" and substitute "FOR CARRIER ENVELOPE ACTION".

(3) Strike added Section 86.0052(a), Election Code (page 1, line 60, through page 2, line 1), and substitute the following:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) compensates another person for depositing the carrier envelope in the mail or with a common or contract carrier as provided by Section 86.0051(b), including by any performance-based compensation scheme based on the number of ballots deposited or in which another person is presented with a quota of ballots to deposit as provided by Section 86.0051(b);

(2) engages in another practice that causes another person's compensation from or employment status with the person to be dependent on the number of ballots deposited as provided by Section 86.0051(b); or

(3) with knowledge that accepting compensation for such activity is illegal, accepts compensation for an activity described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

(4) Add the following immediately after added Section 86.0052(c), Election Code (page 2, between lines 11 and 12):

(d) An officer, director, or other agent of an entity that commits an offense under this section is punishable for the offense.

(e) For purposes of this section, compensation means any form of monetary payment, goods, services, benefits, or promises or offers of employment, or any other form of consideration offered to another person in exchange for depositing ballots.

(5) Strike SECTIONS 3 and 4 of the bill (page 2, lines 12-56).

(6) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 86, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 86.0105 to read as follows:

PROHIBITED. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) compensates another person for assisting voters as provided by Section 86.010, including by any performance-based compensation scheme based on the number of voters assisted or in which another person is presented with a quota of voters to be assisted as provided by Section 86.010;

(2) engages in another practice that causes another person's compensation from or employment status with the person to be dependent on the number of voters assisted as provided by Section 86.010; or

(3) with knowledge that accepting compensation for such activity is illegal, accepts compensation for an activity described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by:

(1) confinement in jail for a term of not more than one year or less than 30 days; or

(2) confinement described by Subdivision (1) and a fine not to exceed \$4,000.

(c) An offense under this section is a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the defendant was previously convicted two or more times under this section.

(d) An officer, director, or other agent of an entity that commits an offense under this section is punishable for the offense.

(e) For purposes of this section, compensation means any form of monetary payment, goods, services, benefits, or promises or offers of employment, or any other form of consideration offered to another person in exchange for assisting voters.

(7) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 86.013(d), Election Code (page 2, line 67), strike "limitation on" and substitute "prohibition on compensation for".

(8) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 86.013(d), Election Code (page 2, line 69), strike "prescribed by Section 85.0051(b-1)" and substitute "under Section 86.0052".

(9) Renumber remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

PAXTON

CAMPBELL