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H.B. No. 1560

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of paying or receiving certain forms of compensation for assisting voters who vote early by mail; providing criminal penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 86, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 86.0105 to read as follows:

Sec. 86.0105. PERFORMANCE-BASED COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANCE PROHIBITED. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) compensates another person based on the number of voters assisted as provided by Section 86.010;

(2) presents another person with a quota of voters to be assisted as provided by Section 86.010;

(3) 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

(4) accepts compensation for an activity described by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

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

1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.