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H.B. No. 1840

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the identification of a person as an election poll
3 watcher.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 33.056, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) A watcher shall wear a badge that prominently displays
8 the words "Poll Watcher" while the watcher is observing election
9 activity.

10 SECTION 2. Section 61.010(a), Election Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or Section
13 33.056(e), a person may not wear a badge, insignia, emblem, or other
14 similar communicative device relating to a candidate, measure, or
15 political party appearing on the ballot, or to the conduct of the
16 election, in the polling place or within 100 feet of any outside
17 door through which a voter may enter the building in which the
18 polling place is located.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.