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H.B. No. 2317

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to extension of voting hours for early voting by personal
3 appearance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 85.005(c), Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) In a county with a population of 100,000 or more, the
8 voting in a primary election or the general election for state and
9 county officers shall be conducted at the main early voting polling
10 place for at least 12 hours on each weekday of the last week of the
11 early voting period, and the voting in a special election ordered by
12 the governor shall be conducted at the main early voting polling
13 place for at least 12 hours on each of the last two days of the early
14 voting period. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with this
15 subsection in those elections in a county with a population under
16 100,000 on receipt by the early voting clerk of a written request
17 for the extended hours submitted by at least 50 [~~15~~] registered
18 voters of the county. The request must be submitted in time to
19 enable compliance with Section 85.067.

20 SECTION 2. Sections 85.006(d) and (e), Election Code, are
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (d) The authority authorized to order early voting on a
23 Saturday or Sunday under Subsection (a) or (b) shall order the
24 voting under the applicable subsection on receipt of a written

1 request submitted by at least 50 ~~[15]~~ registered voters of the
2 territory covered by the election. The request must be submitted in
3 time to enable compliance with Section 85.007. The authority is not
4 required to order the voting on a particular date specified by the
5 request but shall order the voting on at least one Saturday if a
6 Saturday is requested ~~[and on at least one Sunday if a Sunday is~~
7 ~~requested]~~.

8 (e) In a primary election or the general election for state
9 and county officers in a county with a population of 100,000 or
10 more, the early voting clerk shall order personal appearance voting
11 at the main early voting polling place to be conducted for at least
12 12 hours on the last Saturday and for at least five hours on the last
13 Sunday of the early voting period. ~~[The early voting clerk shall~~
14 ~~order voting to be conducted at those times in those elections in a~~
15 ~~county with a population under 100,000 on receipt of a written~~
16 ~~request for those hours submitted by at least 15 registered voters~~
17 ~~of the county. The request must be submitted in time to enable~~
18 ~~compliance with Section 85.007.]~~ This subsection supersedes any
19 provision of this subchapter to the extent of any conflict.

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