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H.B. No. 2484

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of Voter Education Month for public school students in grade 12.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.921 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.921. HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION MONTH. (a) To educate high school seniors about the importance of voting to a healthy democracy, each school district and open-enrollment charter school offering grade 12 shall designate one month during the school year as Voter Education Month.

(b) During Voter Education Month, each high school campus and open-enrollment charter school shall provide eligible students an opportunity to register to vote at the campus.

(c) At the request of the principal of a high school or an officer of an open-enrollment charter school, the voter registrar designated under Chapter 12, Election Code, for the county in which the campus is located shall assist in the registration of eligible students.

(d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school offering grade 12, in consultation with the voter registrar designated under Chapter 12, Election Code, for the county in which the district or campus is located, may develop a nonpartisan voter education program to present to high school seniors during Voter

1 Education Month.

2 (e) A voter education program developed under Subsection
3 (d) must provide information regarding:

4 (1) the importance of voting;

5 (2) balloting procedures and voting systems used in
6 this state;

7 (3) election dates and polling hours and locations;

8 and

9 (4) procedures for early voting.

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
11 school year.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.