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H.B. No. 2848

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to video monitoring of an early voting polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 85, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 85.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 85.038. VIDEO RECORDING OF EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE.

(a) The early voting clerk may order video recording of the area within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the building or structure in which an early voting polling place is located, except that voting stations may not be recorded.

(b) The early voting clerk may permit a video recording made under Subsection (a) to be provided live on an Internet website for purposes of allowing the public to evaluate the wait time at an early voting polling place.

(c) This section applies to any early voting polling place under this chapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.