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H.B. No. 3300

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the hours during which the polls are open for early voting by personal appearance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.004(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The ~~[If early voting by personal appearance is required to be conducted for extended hours under Section 85.005(c) or for weekend hours under Section 85.006(e), the]~~ registrar's office shall remain open for providing voter registration information during the ~~[extended hours or weekend]~~ hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting.

SECTION 2. Section 85.006(e), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) In a primary election or the general election for state and county officers in a county with a population of 100,000 or more, the early voting clerk shall order personal appearance voting at the main early voting polling place to be conducted for at least 12 hours on the last Saturday and for at least five hours and until 7 p.m. on the last Sunday of the early voting period. The early voting clerk shall order voting to be conducted ~~[at those times]~~ in those elections at the main early voting polling place for at least 12 hours on the last Saturday and for at least five hours and until 7 p.m. on the last Sunday of the early voting period in a county

1 with a population under 100,000 on receipt of a written request for
2 those hours submitted by at least 15 registered voters of the
3 county. The request must be submitted in time to enable compliance
4 with Section 85.007. This subsection supersedes any provision of
5 this subchapter to the extent of any conflict.

6 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
7 an election for which early voting begins on or after September 1,
8 2013.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.