1-1 Huffman S.B. No. 160 By: 1**-**2 1**-**3 (In the Senate - Filed January 7, 2013; January 29, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; March 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 13, 2013, sent to printer.) 1-4

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Duncan	X			
1-9	Deuell	X			
1-10	Ellis	X			
1-11	Fraser	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	Lucio	X			
1-14	Nichols	X			
1-15	Van de Putte	X			
1-16	Williams	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT

relating to the identification of a person as an election poll 1-19 1-20 watcher. 1-21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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