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H.B. No. 1615

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the days and hours early voting is conducted at a temporary branch early voting polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 85, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 85.0631 to read as follows:

Sec. 85.0631. DAYS AND HOURS FOR VOTING: TEMPORARY BRANCH.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), early voting by personal appearance at a temporary branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours of the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the authority establishing the branch.

(b) In an election in which the authority ordering the election has established at least five temporary branch polling places in the territory served by the early voting clerk, early voting by personal appearance at no less than 80 percent of the temporary branch polling places shall be conducted on the same days and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early voting polling place. For purposes of this subsection, a temporary branch polling place does not include a temporary branch polling place established at a church.

(c) The authority authorized under Section 85.006 to order early voting on a Saturday or Sunday may order such voting at any temporary branch polling place that is not required to conduct

1 voting on the same days and during the same hours as voting is
2 conducted at the main early voting polling place under Subsection
3 (b).

4 SECTION 2. Section 85.068(a), Election Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (a) The early voting clerk shall post notice for each
7 election stating any dates and the hours that voting on Saturday or
8 Sunday will be conducted at a temporary branch polling place [~~under~~
9 ~~Section 85.064(d) or 85.065(b)~~], if the early voting clerk is a
10 county clerk or city secretary under Section 83.002 or 83.005.

11 SECTION 3. Sections 85.064 and 85.065, Election Code, are
12 repealed.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.