By: Goldman   H.B. No. 2900

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT
2   relating to compliance with federal voting system standards.
3   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4   SECTION 1. Section 122.001(a), Election Code, is amended to
5   read as follows:
6   (a) A voting system may not be used in an election unless the
7   system:
8   (1) preserves the secrecy of the ballot;
9   (2) is suitable for the purpose for which it is
10   intended;
11   (3) operates safely, efficiently, and accurately and
12   complies with the [error rate standards of the] voting system
13   standards adopted by the [Federal] Election Assistance Commission;
14   (4) is safe from fraudulent or unauthorized
15   manipulation;
16   (5) permits voting on all offices and measures to be
17   voted on at the election;
18   (6) prevents counting votes on offices and measures on
19   which the voter is not entitled to vote;
20   (7) prevents counting votes by the same voter for more
21   than one candidate for the same office or, in elections in which a
22   voter is entitled to vote for more than one candidate for the same
23   office, prevents counting votes for more than the number of
24   candidates for which the voter is entitled to vote;

1   (8) prevents counting a vote on the same office or

2 measure more than once;

3   (9) permits write-in voting;

4   (10) is capable of permitting straight-party voting;

5 and

6   (11) is capable of providing records from which the

7 operation of the voting system may be audited.

8   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.