By: Faircloth H.B. No. 3119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the early voting period in a runoff election.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Sections 85.001(b) and (e), Election Code, are
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) For a [special] runoff election [for the office of state
- 7 senator or state representative or for a runoff primary election],
- 8 the period begins on the 10th day before election day.
- 9 (e) For an election held on the uniform election date in May
- 10 [and any resulting runoff election], the period for early voting by
- 11 personal appearance begins on the 12th day before election day and
- 12 continues through the fourth day before election day.
- 13 SECTION 2. Section 85.005, Election Code, is amended by
- 14 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
- (e) Notwithstanding Subsections (a), (b), and (d), in a
- 16 runoff election, early voting by personal appearance at the main
- 17 early voting polling place shall be conducted for at least 12 hours
- 18 on at least two weekdays.
- 19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 23 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.