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H.B. No. 3770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of criminal offenses of electioneering near a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.003(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if, during the voting period ~~[and within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which a polling place is located]~~, the person~~+~~

~~[(1)]~~ loiters~~+~~ or

~~[(2)]~~ electioneers for or against any candidate, measure, or political party within 100 feet of:

(1) an outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which a polling place is located; or

(2) a parking space for persons with disabilities that serves the building and a designated travel path between the space and an outside door of the building.

SECTION 2. Section 85.036(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) During the time an early voting polling place is open for the conduct of early voting, a person may not electioneer for or against any candidate, measure, or political party in or within 100 feet of:

1 (1) an outside door through which a voter may enter the
2 building or structure in which the early voting polling place is
3 located; or

4 (2) a parking space for persons with disabilities that
5 serves the building or structure and a designated travel path
6 between the space and an outside door of the building or structure.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.