

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 251
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 19, 2014; January 28, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 15, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; April 15, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-15	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 251 By: Ellis

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to eligibility to serve as an interpreter in an election.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 61.032, Election Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 61.032. INTERPRETER PERMITTED. If an election officer
 1-26 who attempts to communicate with a voter does not understand the
 1-27 language used by the voter, the voter may communicate through an
 1-28 interpreter selected by the voter or, if the voter has not selected
 1-29 an interpreter, an interpreter appointed by an election officer.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 61.033, Election Code, is amended to
 1-31 read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 61.033. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS INTERPRETER. To be
 1-33 eligible to serve as an interpreter, a person:

1-34 (1) if selected by the voter, may be any person other
 1-35 than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an
 1-36 officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs; or

1-37 (2) if appointed to serve as an interpreter by an
 1-38 election officer, must be a registered voter of the county in which
 1-39 the voter needing the interpreter resides or a registered voter of
 1-40 an adjacent county.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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