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S.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the early voting period for certain elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 85.001(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The period for early voting by personal appearance begins on the 17th day before election day and continues through the second ~~[fourth]~~ day before election day, except as otherwise provided by this section.

SECTION 2. Sections 85.006(a) and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~The [Except as provided by Subsection (b), the]~~ authority ordering an election shall ~~[may]~~ order early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place to be conducted on each Saturday and Sunday ~~[one or more Saturdays or Sundays]~~ during the early voting period.

(c) The authority ordering voting ~~[on a Saturday or Sunday]~~ shall determine the hours during which voting is to be conducted on Saturday and on Sunday.

SECTION 3. Sections 85.007(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The election order and the election notice must state:

(1) the date that early voting will begin if under Section 85.001(d) the early voting period is to begin later than the

1 prescribed date;

2 (2) the regular dates and hours that voting will be
3 conducted under Section 85.005(b); and

4 (3) the dates and hours that voting on Saturday and on
5 ~~[on]~~ Sunday is ordered to be conducted under Section 85.006(a).

6 (b) The early voting clerk shall post notice for each
7 election stating the dates and hours that voting on ~~[a]~~ Saturday and
8 on ~~[on]~~ Sunday is ordered to be conducted under Section 85.006
9 ~~[85.006(b)]~~.

10 SECTION 4. The following provisions of the Election Code
11 are repealed:

12 (1) Section 85.001(e); and

13 (2) Sections 85.006(b) and (d).

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.