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S.B. No. 535

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain mobile devices at a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 61.014(a), (b), and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not use a wireless communication device within 50 [~~100~~] feet of a voting station. If voting stations are located in a separate room from the area in which voters wait to vote or are accepted for voting, a person may not use a wireless communication device in the room in which voting stations are located and may use the device in any other area.

(b) A person may not use any mechanical or electronic means to record or capture [~~of recording~~] images or sound within 100 feet of a voting station.

(c) The presiding judge may require a person who violates this section to turn off the device [~~or to leave the polling place~~].

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 62.0111, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0111. NOTICE OF USE [~~PROHIBITION~~] OF CERTAIN DEVICES.

SECTION 3. Section 62.0111(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At the discretion of the presiding judge, notice of the [~~prohibition of the~~] use of certain devices under Section 61.014

1 may be posted at one or more locations in the polling place where it  
2 can be read by persons waiting to vote.

3           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.