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S.B. No. 1015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limiting the amount of assistance a person may provide a voter; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 64.032, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-1) The person selected under Subsection (c) must also be a registered voter of the county in which the election is being held.

(d) If assistance is provided by a person of the voter's choice, the person shall provide a photo identification to an election officer and the officer shall enter the person's name and address on the poll list beside the voter's name.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 64, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 64.0325 to read as follows:

Sec. 64.0325. UNSOLICITED OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. (a) A person who is not an election officer commits an offense if:

(1) the person offers to assist a voter under Section 64.032; and

(2) before developing the intent to make the offer of assistance, the voter was not known to the person.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

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