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H.B. No. 955

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 12.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.007. CERTAIN ELECTION OFFICERS ARE VOTER REGISTRARS. An election officer serving a polling place for early voting by personal appearance is a deputy voter registrar and has the same authority as a regular deputy registrar.

SECTION 2. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 63.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 63.010. REGISTRATION AT POLLING PLACE; VOTING PROCEDURES. (a) This section applies to the conduct of voting and to the registration of voters notwithstanding and in addition to other applicable provisions of this code.

(b) A person who would be eligible to vote in an election under Section 11.001, but for the requirement to be a registered voter, shall be accepted for voting in the precinct of the person's residence if, on the day the person offers to vote, the person:

(1) submits a voter registration application that complies with Section 13.002;

(2) presents the proof of identification required by Section 63.001 and, if that identification does not establish the

1 person's residence, one of the following forms of identification:

2 (A) a driver's license, license to carry a  
3 concealed handgun, or personal identification card issued to the  
4 person by the Department of Public Safety, regardless of whether  
5 the license or card has expired;

6 (B) official mail addressed to the person by name  
7 from a governmental entity;

8 (C) a copy of a current utility bill, bank  
9 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government  
10 document that shows the name and address of the voter; or

11 (D) any other form of identification prescribed  
12 by the secretary of state that establishes the person's residence;  
13 and

14 (3) completes and signs a voter registration  
15 affidavit, in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that  
16 contains the following oath:

17 I, \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF  
18 PERJURY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I HAVE NOT,  
19 NOR WILL I, CAST MORE THAN ONE BALLOT IN THIS ELECTION.

20 (c) Persons voting under this section shall be processed  
21 separately at the polling place from persons who are voting under  
22 regular procedures.

23 (d) The secretary of state shall prescribe the procedures  
24 necessary to implement this section and to ensure the proper and  
25 orderly conduct of elections.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.