

By: Klick

H.B. No. 2984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voting a limited ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 112.002(a) and (d), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) After changing residence to another county, a person is eligible to vote a limited ballot on election day, by personal appearance during the early voting period, or by mail if:

(1) the person would have been eligible to vote in the county of former residence on election day if still residing in that county;

(2) the person is registered to vote in the county of former residence at the time the person:

(A) offers to vote in the county of new residence; or

(B) submitted a voter registration application in the county of new residence; and

(3) a voter registration for the person in the county of new residence is not effective on or before election day.

(d) A statement executed under Subsection (c) shall be submitted:

(1) to an election officer at the ~~[main early voting]~~ polling place ~~[, if the person is voting by personal appearance]~~; or

(2) with the person's application for a ballot to be

1 voted by mail, if the person is voting by mail.

2 SECTION 2. Section 112.004, Election Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 112.004. OFFICES AND MEASURES ON WHICH VOTER ENTITLED  
5 TO VOTE. A person voting a limited ballot is entitled to vote only  
6 on[+]

7 [~~(1)~~] each office and proposition stating a measure to  
8 be voted on statewide[~~, and~~

9 [~~(2)~~ ~~each office and proposition stating a measure to~~  
10 ~~be voted on in a territorial unit of which the person was a resident~~  
11 ~~both before changing county of residence and after the change~~].

12 SECTION 3. Section 112.006, Election Code, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 112.006. PLACE FOR VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE. A  
15 person may vote a limited ballot by personal appearance:

16 (1) at any early voting polling place; or

17 (2) at the discretion of the county clerk, on election  
18 day at:

19 (A) a countywide polling place or the polling  
20 place located in the precinct of the new residence of the voter; or

21 (B) the clerk's office or the location that  
22 served as [only at] the main early voting polling place.

23 SECTION 4. Section 112.009, Election Code, is amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Sec. 112.009. PREPARING VOTING MACHINE. Before permitting  
26 a person to vote a limited ballot on a voting machine, the county  
27 [~~early voting~~] clerk shall adjust the machine so that votes may be

1 cast only on each office and proposition stating a measure to be  
2 voted on statewide [~~the offices and propositions stating measures~~  
3 ~~on which the voter is entitled to vote~~].

4 SECTION 5. Section 112.010(a), Election Code, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (a) If [~~early~~] voting [~~by personal appearance~~] is conducted  
7 by voting machine, the county [~~early voting~~] clerk may conduct [~~the~~  
8 ~~personal appearance~~] voting of limited ballots by using official  
9 ballots for early voting by mail.

10 SECTION 6. Section 112.011, Election Code, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 112.011. INFORMATION FOR LIMITED BALLOT [~~ON DISTRICT~~  
13 ~~COMPOSITION~~]. [~~(a)~~] In each even-numbered year, the secretary of  
14 state shall prepare information on each office and proposition  
15 stating a measure to be voted on statewide [~~the territorial~~  
16 ~~composition of each district for which an officer of the state~~  
17 ~~government is regularly elected at the general election for state~~  
18 ~~and county officers~~].

19 [~~(b)~~] ~~The information must include the data necessary to~~  
20 ~~enable an early voting clerk to determine the district offices on~~  
21 ~~which a voter under this chapter is eligible to vote.~~

22 [~~(c)~~] The secretary shall deliver the information to each  
23 county clerk at a date early enough to prepare ballots or program  
24 voting machines [~~before the 20th day before general primary~~  
25 ~~election day~~].

26 SECTION 7. Section 112.012, Election Code, is amended to  
27 read as follows:

1           Sec. 112.012. NOTIFICATION TO VOTER REGISTRAR. Not later  
2 than the 30th day after receipt of an application for a limited  
3 ballot, the county [~~early voting~~] clerk shall notify the voter  
4 registrar for the voter's former county of residence that the voter  
5 has applied for a limited ballot.

6           SECTION 8. Section [112.008](#), Election Code, is repealed.

7           SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.