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H.B. No. 3688

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain public buildings as polling place locations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.081, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) If a school district is unable to provide space for a polling place as required by Section 43.031(f), Election Code, in odd-numbered years on the uniform election date in November provided by Section 41.001, Election Code, or in even-numbered years on the date of the general election for state and county officers provided by Section 41.002, Election Code, the school district may choose to designate a date described by this subsection as a school holiday or a staff development day.

SECTION 2. Section 43.031, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) An entity that owns or controls a public building selected for a polling place under this section shall ensure the building has space designated that:

(1) is large enough to accommodate the number of voting booths and other election equipment and the staff necessary to conduct voting at the polling place; and

(2) provides an area where voters may vote privately.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018

1 school year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.