By: Hall

S.B. No. 1142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to providing for an automatic vote recount in the case of

3 certain election discrepancies; creating an offense.

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

5   SECTION 1. Chapter 216, Election Code, is amended by adding

6 Section 216.006 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 216.006. AUTOMATIC RECOUNT: DISCREPANCY. (a) This

8 section applies to a precinct that has completed a vote count under

9 Chapter 65 in which the total number of ballots counted differs by

10 at least 0.5 percent from the number of people who signed the

11 precinct's signature roster under Section 63.002.

12   (b) The presiding judge of a precinct described by

13 Subsection (a) shall conduct a recount under this chapter.

14   (c) A person commits an offense if the person canvasses a

15 precinct's returns prior to the completion of a recount required by

16 this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class A

17 misdemeanor.

18   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.