

By: Taylor of Collin

S.B. No. 1637

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a canvassing authority to explain a discrepancy between the number of voters accepted and the ballots cast in an election.

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

SECTION 1. Section 67.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The canvassing authority may not enter a tabulation under Subsection (c) or deliver a tabulation under Subsections (e) and (f) if a discrepancy between the total number of ballots cast in the precinct and the total number of voters who cast a ballot for a candidate or for or against a measure in the election in the precinct is greater than one percent until the presiding officer of the canvassing authority posts an explanation of the discrepancy on the canvassing authority's Internet website.

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