

Amend CSSB 9 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 4 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 4 accordingly:

SECTION 4.____. Subchapter A, Chapter 127, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 127.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 127.008. ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN CENTRAL COUNTING STATION. (a) A counting station manager and the presiding judge of the counting station shall develop a protocol under which no electronic device capable of being connected to the Internet is permitted inside a central counting station, except as permitted by Subsection (b).

(b) The protocol developed under Subsection (a) may permit a cellular telephone or the equipment necessary to count votes to be present in the central counting station if the devices are not connected to the Internet.