

1-1 By: Bonnen of Galveston, et al. H.B. No. 1888
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Huffman)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;
 1-4 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-16	X			
1-17		X		

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to temporary branch polling place hours of operation.
 1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 42.0621, Election Code,
 1-23 is amended to read as follows:
 1-24 Sec. 42.0621. PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS HELD ON NOVEMBER [A]
 1-25 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE.
 1-26 SECTION 2. Section 42.0621(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-27 read as follows:
 1-28 (a) In an election held on the November [a] uniform election
 1-29 date, the political subdivisions to which Section 42.002(a)(5)
 1-30 applies shall use the regular county election precincts.
 1-31 SECTION 3. Section 85.062(e), Election Code, is amended to
 1-32 read as follows:
 1-33 (e) In an election covered by Subsection (d), a temporary
 1-34 branch polling place that is located in a movable structure may be
 1-35 established only with the approval of the county clerk. If a
 1-36 [~~movable~~] temporary branch polling place is established in a
 1-37 movable structure on the request of a political party, each other
 1-38 political party whose nominee for governor in the most recent
 1-39 gubernatorial general election received more than 10 percent of the
 1-40 total number of votes received by all candidates for governor in the
 1-41 election is entitled to establishment of such a polling place. The
 1-42 election officers serving a polling place covered by this
 1-43 subsection must be affiliated or aligned with different political
 1-44 parties to the extent possible. The secretary of state, after
 1-45 consulting the state chair of each affected political party, shall
 1-46 prescribe the procedures necessary to implement this subsection.
 1-47 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 85.064, Election Code, is
 1-48 amended to read as follows:
 1-49 Sec. 85.064. DAYS AND HOURS FOR VOTING: TEMPORARY BRANCH
 1-50 [~~IN POPULOUS COUNTY~~].
 1-51 SECTION 5. Section 85.064(b), Election Code, is amended to
 1-52 read as follows:
 1-53 (b) Early voting by personal appearance at each temporary
 1-54 branch polling place [~~established under Section 85.062(d)~~] shall be
 1-55 conducted on the days that voting is required to be conducted at the
 1-56 main early voting polling place under Section 85.005 and remain
 1-57 open for at least:
 1-58 (1) eight hours each day; or
 1-59 (2) three hours each day if the city or county clerk
 1-60 does not serve as the early voting clerk for the territory holding
 1-61 the election and the territory has fewer than 1,000 registered

2-1 voters. [~~The authority establishing the temporary branch polling~~
2-2 ~~place shall determine the hours during which the voting is to be~~
2-3 ~~conducted on those days. The authority shall order voting to be~~
2-4 ~~conducted for the same number of hours that voting is required to be~~
2-5 ~~conducted on those days at the main early voting polling place under~~
2-6 ~~Section 85.005 on receipt of a written request for those hours~~
2-7 ~~submitted by at least 15 registered voters of the county. The~~
2-8 ~~request must be submitted in time to enable compliance with Section~~
2-9 ~~85.067.]~~

2-10 SECTION 6. Section 85.068(a), Election Code, is amended to
2-11 read as follows:

2-12 (a) The early voting clerk shall post notice for each
2-13 election stating any dates and the hours that voting on Saturday or
2-14 Sunday will be conducted under Section 85.064(d) [~~or 85.065(b)~~], if
2-15 the early voting clerk is a county clerk or city secretary under
2-16 Section 83.002 or 83.005.

2-17 SECTION 7. The following provisions of the Election Code
2-18 are repealed:

- 2-19 (1) Section 42.002(c);
- 2-20 (2) Sections 85.064(a) and (c); and
- 2-21 (3) Section 85.065.

2-22 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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