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H.B. No. 2982

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to public inspection of certain early voting information;
3 creating a criminal offense.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 85.072, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7 (f) The early voting clerk shall provide a current copy of
8 the register for posting on the Internet website of the authority
9 ordering the election, if the authority maintains a website, each
10 day early voting is conducted. At a minimum, the voter registration
11 number for each voter listed in the register must be posted.

12 SECTION 2. Section 87.121, Election Code, is amended by
13 amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsections (i) and (j)
14 to read as follows:

15 (g) Information on the roster for a person who votes an
16 early voting ballot by personal appearance shall be made available
17 for public inspection not later than the beginning of regular
18 business hours on the day after the date the information is entered
19 on the roster under Subsection (c). On the request of a person, the
20 early voting clerk shall provide a copy of the roster in a paper or
21 an electronic format.

22 (h) Information on the roster for a person who votes an
23 early voting ballot by mail shall be made available for public
24 inspection not later than the day following the day the early voting

1 clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. On the request of a person,
2 the early voting clerk shall provide a copy of the roster in a paper
3 or an electronic format.

4 (i) A person commits an offense if the person:

5 (1) is responsible for maintaining the roster under
6 this section; and

7 (2) fails to provide information on or a copy of the
8 roster under Subsection (g) or (h).

9 (j) An offense under Subsection (i) is a Class C
10 misdemeanor.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.