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H.B. No. 3712

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the inclusion of information about the process of  
3 voting as part of the social studies curriculum requirements for  
4 public high school students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

8 (c-4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
9 requiring a high school student, as part of the social studies  
10 curriculum under Subsection (a)(1)(D), to be provided at least once  
11 with practical information about the process of voting in public  
12 elections, including specific information about using the type of  
13 voting machines used by the county in which the student is enrolled.  
14 The rules shall require a school district, to the extent  
15 practicable, to seek assistance and cooperation from the county  
16 election office in providing students with exposure to and  
17 experience using the applicable voting machine.

18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
19 school year.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.