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By:  Turner of Dallas H.B. No. 171

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exception to the application of the offense of illegal voting.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 64.012, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)  It is an exception to the application of Subsection (a)(1) that the person:

(1)  voted or attempted to vote a provisional ballot in accordance with Section 63.011; and

(2)  did not know:

(A)  of the particular circumstances that made the person not eligible to vote in the election; or

(B)  that those circumstances made the person not eligible to vote in the election.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.