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H.B. No. 241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a voting system requirement that a person voting by  
3 personal appearance confirm the voter's eligibility to vote before  
4 accessing a ballot.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 122, Election Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 122.0015 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 122.0015. VOTING SYSTEM STANDARDS: CONFIRMATION OF  
9 ELIGIBILITY. (a) A voting system may not be used in an election  
10 unless the voting system requires a person seeking to vote by  
11 personal appearance, before the person may access the ballot, to  
12 confirm that the person:

13 (1) is a United States citizen;

14 (2) is a resident of the county in which the person  
15 seeks to vote;

16 (3) has not been determined by a final judgment of a  
17 court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

18 (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

19 (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the  
20 right to vote; and

21 (4) has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if  
22 so convicted, has:

23 (A) fully discharged the person's sentence,  
24 including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or

1 completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or

2 (B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the  
3 resulting disability to vote.

4 (b) The confirmation required under Subsection (a) may be  
5 completed by the person seeking to vote in one motion or gesture.

6 (c) A person seeking to vote may request assistance from an  
7 election officer if the person:

8 (1) has questions about the confirmation; or

9 (2) determines that the person is unable to complete  
10 the confirmation.

11 (d) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to implement  
12 this section.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
18 legislative session.