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- 1 Amend $\underline{5}$.B. No. $\underline{7}$ by adding the following appropriately
- 2 numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of
- 3 the bill accordingly:
- 4 SECTION ____. Sections 276.004(a) and (b), Election Code,
- 5 are amended to read as follows:
- 6 (a) A person commits an offense if, with respect to another
- 7 person over whom the person has authority in the scope of
- 8 employment, the person knowingly:
- 9 (1) refuses to permit the other person to be absent
- 10 from work on election day or while early voting is in progress for
- 11 the purpose of attending the polls to vote; or
- 12 (2) subjects or threatens to subject the other person
- 13 to a penalty for attending the polls on election day or while early
- 14 voting is in progress to vote.
- 15 (b) It is an exception to the application of this section
- 16 that the person's conduct occurs in connection with an election in
- 17 which the polls are open on election day or while early voting is in
- 18 progress for voting for two consecutive hours outside of the
- 19 voter's working hours.