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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to accommodating a voter unable to enter a polling place.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 64.009, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  A polling place must have two parking spaces reserved for the use of a voter who is unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or likelihood of injuring the voter's health. Each parking space must be clearly marked with a sign:

(1)  indicating that the space is reserved for use by a voter who is unable to enter the polling place; and

(2)  displaying, in large font that is clearly readable from a vehicle, a telephone number that a voter may call to request assistance from an election official at the polling place.

SECTION 2.  Section 104.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f)  The main early voting polling place or other location used for voting under this chapter must have two parking spaces reserved for the use of a voter who is unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or likelihood of injuring the voter's health. Each parking space must meet the requirements for a parking space under Section 64.009(e). Parking spaces reserved under Section 64.009(e) satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.