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H.B. No. 22

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.

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