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H.B. No. 2102

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of an electronic device for accepting voters;  
authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.014, Election Code, is amended by  
amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as  
follows:

(c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules that:

(1) require a device described by this section used  
during the early voting period or under the countywide polling  
place program under Section 43.007 to update data in real time; and

(2) require a county that uses a device described by  
this section to use each device function described by Subsection  
(a).

(d) If a county uses a device that does not comply with a  
rule adopted under this section or uses a device in a manner that  
does not comply with a [the] rule adopted under this section in two  
consecutive general elections for state and county officers, the  
secretary of state shall assess a noncompliance fee. The  
noncompliance fee shall be set at an amount determined by secretary  
of state rule.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
an election that is ordered on or after the effective date of this  
Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.