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S.B. No. 1498

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exception to the application of the offense of
3 illegal voting.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 64.012, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) It is an exception to the application of Subsection
8 (a)(1) that the person:

9 (1) voted or attempted to vote a provisional ballot in
10 accordance with Section 63.011; and

11 (2) did not know:

12 (A) of the particular circumstances that made the
13 person not eligible to vote in the election; or

14 (B) that those circumstances made the person not
15 eligible to vote in the election.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
18 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
19 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
20 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
21 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
22 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
23 before that date.

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