

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 1572
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 24, 2021, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 5, 2021,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; May 5, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1572 By: Hall

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the numbering and signing of ballots by early voting
1-21 clerks and deputy early voting clerks.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 85.0311, Election Code, is amended to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 85.0311. DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERK TO SIGN BALLOTS.

1-26 (a) The deputy early voting clerk's signature or initials shall be
1-27 placed on the back of each ballot to be used at the polling place
1-28 where the deputy early voting clerk accepts voters voting by
1-29 personal appearance.

1-30 (b) The deputy early voting clerk at a polling place shall
1-31 enter the signature or initials of the deputy early voting clerk on
1-32 each ballot [or a deputy early voting clerk shall stamp a facsimile
1-33 of the initials on each ballot].

1-34 (c) The signing of ballots under this section need not be
1-35 completed before the polls open, but an unsigned ballot may not be
1-36 made available for selection by a voter.

1-37 (d) The duties of a deputy early voting clerk and the
1-38 placement of a signature or initials required by this section may
1-39 not be satisfied using automation of any type.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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