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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements to serve as an election watcher.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 33.031, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.031.  GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. [~~(a)~~] To be eligible to serve as a watcher, a person must:

(1)  be a qualified voter[~~:~~

[~~(1)  of the county in which the person is to serve, in an election ordered by the governor or a county authority or in a primary election;~~

[~~(2)  of the part of the county in which the election is held, in an election ordered by the governor or a county authority that does not cover the entire county of the person's residence~~]; and

(2)  [~~(3)  of the political subdivision, in an election ordered by an authority of a political subdivision other than a county.~~

[~~(b)  In addition to the requirements of Subsection (a), to be eligible to serve as a watcher, a person must~~] complete training under Section 33.008.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.