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H.B. No. 364

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of information about the process of voting as part of the social studies curriculum requirements for public high school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

(c-4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring a high school student, as part of the social studies curriculum under Subsection (a)(1)(D), to be provided at least once with practical information about the process of voting in public elections, including specific information about using the type of voting machines used by the county in which the student is enrolled. The rules shall require a school district, to the extent practicable, to seek assistance and cooperation from the county election office in providing students with exposure to and experience using the applicable voting machine.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.