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H.B. No. 705

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to defense of certain actions brought against election judges and clerks.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 32.901. DEFENSE OF SUIT AGAINST ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS. A district attorney shall defend an action, including an action for writ of mandamus, brought against an election judge or election clerk that alleges that the judge or clerk violated a provision of this code while acting in the judge's or clerk's official capacity in the county served by the district attorney.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.