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H.B. No. 4150

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for closing a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.002, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Section 41.032, the presiding election judge or alternate election judge may not order the polls to stay open past the official closing time.

SECTION 2. Chapter 273, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. OTHER ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 273.101. PROHIBITED ORDER. Notwithstanding any other law or rule, a district judge, county court at law judge, or statutory county court judge may not issue an order that has the effect of extending the hours that polls are required to remain open under Section 41.031 at any polling place.

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