By:  Hickland, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3909

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2025; May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 25, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Bettencourt          X

Birdwell             X

Hall                 X

Hinojosa of Nueces   X

Middleton            X

Parker               X

Perry                          X

Schwertner           X

Zaffirini            X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3909 By:  Zaffirini

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a wireless communication device at a polling place.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 61.014, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a)  Except as permitted by Sections 61.012 and 61.013, a [~~A~~] person may not use a wireless communication device:

(1)  within 100 feet of a voting station; or

(2)  if a polling station uses an electronic pollbook system hardwired to a printer, within a room in which voting is taking place.

(e)  The secretary of state shall require a presiding judge to post a notice that states the prohibition on the use of a wireless communication device in a prominent and reasonably visible location outside of a room in which voting is taking place.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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