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H.B. No. 531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain devices by a person occupying a voting station.

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

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

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a [A] person may not use a wireless communication device within 100 feet of a voting station.

(b) A person may not use any mechanical or electronic means to record [~~of recording~~] images or sound within 100 feet of a voting station.

(e) A person who is occupying a voting station may use the person's wireless communication device to access ballot or candidate information that was downloaded or created before the person entered the polling place.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 62.0111, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0111. NOTICE OF USE [~~PROHIBITION~~] OF CERTAIN DEVICES.

SECTION 3. Section 62.0111(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At the discretion of the presiding judge, notice of the

1 limited [~~prohibition of the~~] use of certain devices under Section
2 61.014 may be posted at one or more locations in the polling place
3 where it can be read by persons waiting to vote.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.