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H.B. No. 3144

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a public school or institution of higher education as a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 43.031(a) and (e), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In this subchapter: ~~[7]~~

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(2) "Public [~~public~~] building" means a building owned or controlled by the state or a political subdivision.

(e) A polling place may not be located:

(1) on a campus of a public primary or secondary school or institution of higher education, unless the campus is closed for operation during the period for voting; or

(2) at the residence of a person who is:

(A) [~~(1)~~] a candidate for an elective office, including an office of a political party; or

(B) [~~(2)~~] related within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to a candidate described by Paragraph (A) [~~Subdivision (1)~~].

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