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H.B. No. 3323

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the responsibilities of the tabulation supervisor of a central counting station; providing a civil penalty

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

SECTION 1. Section 127.003, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 127.003. TABULATION SUPERVISOR. (a) The authority establishing a central counting station shall appoint a tabulation supervisor of the station. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the eligibility requirements prescribed by this code for precinct election judges apply to a person appointed under this section.

(b) To be eligible for appointment, a person must be:

(1) trained in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment installed at the counting station; and

(2) a registered voter of the political subdivision served by the authority establishing the counting station or an employee of the political subdivision that adopts or owns the voting system.

(c) Employees of a political subdivision are not disqualified from appointment and, if appointed, may be paid additional compensation for their services.

(d) The tabulation supervisor is in charge of the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment at the counting station.

1           (e) The tabulation supervisor is in charge of ensuring that  
2 the counting of ballots shall be conducted continuously until all  
3 the ballots are counted.

4           (f) A tabulation supervisor commits an offense if the  
5 tabulation supervisor fails to comply with a requirement under this  
6 section. The Attorney General shall assess a civil penalty of \$500  
7 for an offense under this section. The tabulation supervisor shall  
8 be personally liable for any penalties assessed by the Attorney  
9 General.

10          (g) The tabulation supervisor is entitled to compensation  
11 in an amount fixed by the authority establishing the counting  
12 station.

13          SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.