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S.B. No. 567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a building owned or controlled by a public school as a polling place.

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

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

(c) The building selected for a polling place shall be a public building if practicable. Except as provided by Subsection (e), the ~~[The]~~ entity that owns or controls a public building shall make the building available for use as a polling place in any election that covers territory in which the building is located. If more than one authority requests the use of the building for the same day and simultaneous use is impracticable, the entity that owns or controls the building shall determine which authority may use the building.

(e) A polling place may not be located:

(1) at a building owned or controlled by a school district or an open-enrollment charter school unless:

(A) the building is not located on or adjacent to a school campus; or

(B) the building is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less and the election authority cannot identify a reasonable alternative polling place; or

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

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

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

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