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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain devices in a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 61, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 61.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.013. USE OF CERTAIN DEVICES. (a) A person may not use a wireless communication device in a polling place.

(b) A person may not use any mechanical or electronic means of recording images or sound in a polling place.

(c) The presiding judge may require a person who violates this section to turn off the device or to leave the polling place.

(d) This section does not apply to:

(1) an election officer in conducting the officer's official duties; or

(2) the use of election equipment necessary for the conduct of the election.

SECTION 2. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0111 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0111. NOTICE OF PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN DEVICES.

(a) At the discretion of the presiding judge, notice of the prohibition of the use of certain devices under Section 61.013 may be posted at one or more locations in the polling place where it can be read by persons waiting to vote.

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the wording of a

1 notice posted under this section.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.