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H.B. No. 3369

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of prohibited electronic devices at polling
3 locations.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.013, Election Code, as added by
6 Chapter 697 (H.B. 1921), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular
7 Session, 2007, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding
8 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

9 (d) This section does not apply to:

10 (1) an election officer in conducting the officer's
11 official duties; ~~[or]~~

12 (2) the use of election equipment necessary for the
13 conduct of the election; or

14 (3) a representative of the news media in conducting
15 news-gathering activities.

16 (e) In this section, "news media" means:

17 (1) a radio or television station that holds a license
18 issued by the Federal Communications Commission;

19 (2) a newspaper that is qualified under Section
20 2051.044, Government Code, to publish legal notices or is a free
21 newspaper of general circulation and that is published at least
22 once a week and available and of interest to the general public in
23 connection with the dissemination of news; or

24 (3) a magazine that appears at a regular interval,

1 that contains stories, articles, and essays by various writers, and
2 that is of interest to the general public in connection with the
3 dissemination of news or public affairs.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.