

1-1 By: Vasut, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 1661
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;
1-3 May 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 1; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry			X	
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini		X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to election supplies and the conduct of elections;
1-22 creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties.
1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-24 SECTION 1. Section 51.005, Election Code, is amended by
1-25 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (d) to
1-26 read as follows:
1-27 (a) The authority responsible for procuring the election
1-28 supplies for an election shall provide for each election precinct a
1-29 number of ballots equal to at least the percentage of voters who
1-30 voted in that precinct in the most recent corresponding election
1-31 plus 25 percent of that number.
1-32 (a-1) The number of ballots provided may
1-33 not exceed the total number of registered voters in the precinct
1-34 unless the county participates in the countywide polling place
1-35 program under Section 43.007.
1-36 (d) The authority responsible for procuring the election
1-37 supplies for an election commits an offense if the authority
1-38 intentionally fails to provide an election precinct with the
1-39 required number of ballots under this section. An offense under
1-40 this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.
1-41 SECTION 2. Section 51.008, Election Code, is amended by
1-42 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
1-43 (e) The authority responsible for procuring the election
1-44 supplies for an election commits an offense if the authority
1-45 intentionally fails to promptly supplement the distributed ballots
1-46 upon request by a polling place. An offense under this subsection
1-47 is a Class A misdemeanor.
1-48 SECTION 3. Section 51.010(c), Election Code, is amended to
1-49 read as follows:
1-50 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A ~~[C]~~
1-51 misdemeanor.
1-52 SECTION 4. Section 51.011(b), Election Code, is amended to
1-53 read as follows:
1-54 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor
1-55 ~~[Class C misdemeanor]~~.
1-56 SECTION 5. Section 61.007(b), Election Code, is amended to
1-57 read as follows:
1-58 (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony
1-59 ~~[Class A misdemeanor]~~.
1-60 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
1-61 51.010, 51.011, and 61.007, Election Code, apply only to an offense

2-1 committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense
2-2 committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
2-3 law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former
2-4 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
2-5 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this
2-6 Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.
2-7 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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