

1-1 By: Bettencourt, et al. S.B. No. 507
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 25, 2024; February 3, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 24, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 24, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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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 [, except that 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 state jail felony
 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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