

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 990  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 16, 2023; March 3, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 4, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 2; April 4, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 |     | X   |        |     |
| 1-13 |     | X   |        |     |
| 1-14 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-15 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-16 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-17 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-18 |     |     | X      |     |

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

1-21 relating to elimination of the countywide polling place program.  
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 31.014(a) and (c), Election Code, are  
 1-24 amended to read as follows:  
 1-25 (a) The secretary of state shall prescribe specific  
 1-26 requirements and standards, consistent with this code, for the  
 1-27 certification of an electronic device used to accept voters under  
 1-28 Chapter 63 that require the device to:  
 1-29 (1) produce an electronic copy of the list of voters  
 1-30 who were accepted to vote for delivery to the election judge after  
 1-31 the polls close;  
 1-32 (2) display the voter's original signature in  
 1-33 accordance with Section 63.002;  
 1-34 (3) accept a voter for voting even when the device is  
 1-35 off-line;  
 1-36 (4) provide the full list of voters registered in the  
 1-37 county with an indication of the jurisdictional or distinguishing  
 1-38 number for each territorial unit in which each voter resides;  
 1-39 (5) time-stamp when each voter is accepted at a  
 1-40 polling place, including the voter's unique identifier;  
 1-41 (6) if the county [~~participates in the countywide~~  
 1-42 ~~polling place program under Section 43.007 or~~] has more than one  
 1-43 early voting polling place, transmit a time stamp when each voter is  
 1-44 accepted, including the voter's unique identifier, to all polling  
 1-45 place locations;  
 1-46 (7) time-stamp the receipt of a transmission under  
 1-47 Subdivision (6); and  
 1-48 (8) produce in an electronic format compatible with  
 1-49 the statewide voter registration list under Section 18.061 data for  
 1-50 retention and transfer that includes:  
 1-51 (A) the polling location in which the device was  
 1-52 used;  
 1-53 (B) the dated time stamp under Subdivision (5);  
 1-54 and  
 1-55 (C) the dated time stamp under Subdivision (7).  
 1-56 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules that require a  
 1-57 device described by this section used during the early voting  
 1-58 period [~~or under the countywide polling place program under Section~~  
 1-59 ~~43.007~~] to update data in real time. If a county uses a device that  
 1-60 does not comply with the rule in two consecutive general elections  
 1-61 for state and county officers, the secretary of state shall assess a

2-1 noncompliance fee. The noncompliance fee shall be set at an amount  
2-2 determined by secretary of state rule.

2-3 SECTION 2. Section 32.0511(d), Election Code, is amended to  
2-4 read as follows:

2-5 (d) Not more than two student election clerks may serve at a  
2-6 polling place[~~, except that not more than four student election~~  
2-7 ~~clerks may serve at any countywide polling place].~~

2-8 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Election Code  
2-9 are repealed:

- 2-10 (1) Section 32.002(c-1);
- 2-11 (2) Section 43.004(c);
- 2-12 (3) Section 43.007; and
- 2-13 (4) Section 85.062(f-1).

2-14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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