

CHAPTER 491

H.B. No. 1854

AN ACT

relating to the processing of the results of an election in which a voting system is used.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 126.003(e), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) If the printout is illegible, the presiding judge shall note that fact on the returns, and the results shall be entered on the returns in the manner prescribed by Section 126.002. ~~[Before completing its canvass of the returns, the local canvassing authority shall make the appropriate entries on the returns using the registering counters of the voting machine as the source of the election results. On the written request of the presiding officer of the local canvassing authority, the custodian of the voting machine shall open its registering counters at the time specified by the request for the purpose of obtaining the election results registered on the machine.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 127.126(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Each duplicate ballot must be clearly labeled "Duplicate" and must bear *the* [a] serial number ~~of, which shall also be placed on~~ the [corresponding] original ballot.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.