By: Isaac H.B. No. 283

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability to election judges of a prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun at a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (t) to read as follows:

(t) Section 46.03(a)(2) does not apply to a person who carries a concealed handgun if the person:

(1) is licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code; and

(2) is engaged in the performance of the person's duties as:

(A) an election judge under Chapter 32, Election Code; or

(B) an early voting clerk or a deputy early voting clerk who is serving as an election judge at an early voting polling place under Chapter 83 or 85, Election Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was

committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.