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H.B. No. 1208

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1208:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1208

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the reading and marking of a ballot by a person
3 occupying a voting station or by the person's child.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 31, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 31.131 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 31.131. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON CHILD PARTICIPATION
8 IN VOTING. (a) The secretary of state shall develop voter
9 education materials for parents on the procedures under Section
10 64.002(b) that allow a child under 14 years of age to read and mark
11 the ballot while accompanying the child's parent to a voting
12 station. The secretary shall make the voter education materials
13 available on the secretary's Internet website.

14 (b) The county officer responsible for administering
15 elections in a county to which Section 31.125 applies shall make the
16 voter education materials developed by the secretary of state under
17 Subsection (a) available on the county's Internet website.

18 SECTION 2. Section 64.002(b), Election Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (b) A child under 18 years of age may accompany the child's
21 parent to a voting station, and if the child is under 14 years of
22 age, may read or mark the ballot at the direction of the parent.
23 Reading or marking a ballot under this subsection does not
24 constitute assisting a voter for purposes of Subchapter B.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.