

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL OVERSIGHT & ELECTIONS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2305  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, line 4, after "observers" insert "; challenge review; violation;  
2 classification"

3 Line 5, before "NOTWITHSTANDING" insert "A. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT AND"

4 After line 9, insert:

5 "B. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, OBSERVERS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO  
6 OBSERVE FROM A DISTANCE AT WHICH THEY CAN REASONABLY AND COMFORTABLY VIEW  
7 THE CONTENTS OF ANY SCREENS OR MONITORS THAT ARE USED TO DISPLAY  
8 INFORMATION OR OTHER MATERIALS RELATED TO SIGNATURE VERIFICATION.

9 C. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, AN OBSERVER MAY CHALLENGE BALLOT  
10 AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPES THAT APPEAR TO NOT MEET SIGNATURE STANDARDS.  
11 CHALLENGED BALLOT AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPES MUST REMAIN UNOPENED AND THE ORIGINAL  
12 BALLOT AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE MUST BE SENT FOR REVIEW TO A BIPARTISAN CHALLENGE  
13 REVIEW BOARD THAT IS APPOINTED BY THE TWO LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES. THE  
14 CHALLENGE REVIEW BOARD MUST HAVE ACCESS TO ALL CONTROL SIGNATURES IN THE  
15 VOTER FILE AND MUST REACH A BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT ON THE CHALLENGE BEFORE  
16 THE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE MAY BE OPENED AND THE BALLOT TABULATED.

17 D. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, IF THE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE  
18 FAILS THE CHALLENGE REVIEW, THE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE SHALL BE SENT AS  
19 A CHALLENGED AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE TO BE CURED. IF THE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT  
20 ENVELOPE IS CURED, THE PROCESS AND MEANS FOR CURING AND THE NAME OF THE  
21 CURING PARTY MUST BE DOCUMENTED, AND THE UNOPENED BALLOT ENVELOPE SHALL BE  
22 RETURNED TO THE CHALLENGE REVIEW BOARD FOR FINAL CONFIRMATION.

1           E. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THE COUNTY RECORDER AND COUNTY  
2 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL MAINTAIN CHAIN OF CUSTODY  
3 DOCUMENTATION THAT IS DOCUMENTED AT EACH STAGE OF THE SIGNATURE AND  
4 AFFIDAVIT VERIFICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING BY EACH SIGNATURE VERIFICATION  
5 WORK STATION, AND BY ALL EMPLOYEES AND OBSERVERS INVOLVED IN EACH PHASE OF  
6 REVIEW AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR FULL AND CLEAR VISIBILITY OF ALL SIGNATURES,  
7 INCLUDING REFERENCE SIGNATURES, BALLOT AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE IMAGES, BATCH  
8 NUMBERS, BALLOT NUMBERS AND VOTER IDENTIFICATION. THE COUNTY RECORDER AND  
9 COUNTY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL MAINTAIN COMPLETE LISTS OF ALL  
10 CHALLENGED BALLOTS DAILY, AND THE CHALLENGE LOGS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE  
11 DAILY TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY AND ALL CANDIDATES ON REQUEST.

12           F. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 5 FELONY,  
13 AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS A NONDISCRETIONARY DUTY TO FILE THE CHARGE, AND  
14 ANY SENTENCE IMPOSED BY A COURT SHALL COMPLY WITH STATUTORY GUIDELINES FOR  
15 SENTENCING."

16 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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