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H.B. No. 1297

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to renewal of an appointment as a volunteer deputy
3 registrar.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 13.0315 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 13.0315. RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT. (a) The registrar
8 may, not later than November 30 of an even-numbered year, deliver
9 notice to each volunteer deputy registrar in the county that the
10 volunteer deputy registrar's term of appointment expires on
11 December 31 of that year. Notice may be delivered by mail or by
12 e-mail.

13 (b) Notice delivered under this section must be accompanied
14 by:

15 (1) a renewal application, in a form determined by the
16 registrar; and

17 (2) information about any changes in election law that
18 are relevant to the role of volunteer deputy registrar and that have
19 occurred during the person's term of appointment.

20 (c) The registrar shall immediately appoint a volunteer
21 deputy registrar to a new term beginning on the next January 1 if
22 the volunteer deputy registrar:

23 (1) signs the renewal application and returns it to
24 the registrar before the volunteer deputy registrar's term expires;

1 (2) signs an affidavit confirming the person has read
2 and understood any information provided under Subsection (b)(2), if
3 applicable; and

4 (3) remains eligible for appointment as a volunteer
5 deputy registrar under Section 13.031(d).

6 (d) A volunteer deputy registrar appointed to a new term
7 under this section is not required to attend training developed
8 under Section 13.047 unless the person has failed to comply with any
9 requirement imposed on a volunteer deputy registrar under this
10 subchapter or other law.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.