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H.B. No. 490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of a receipt issued by certain voter
3 registration entities to a person on completing an application for
4 voter registration.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 13.040(a), (b), and (d), Election Code,
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) On receipt of a completed registration application, a
9 volunteer deputy registrar shall prepare a receipt in triplicate
10 [~~duplicate~~] on a form furnished by the registrar.

11 (b) The receipt must contain:

12 (1) the name of the applicant and, if applicable, the
13 name of the applicant's agent; [~~and~~]

14 (2) the address of the applicant, including the city
15 and postal zip code;

16 (3) the date the completed application is submitted to
17 the volunteer deputy; and

18 (4) the following statement: "This is an official
19 receipt of an application to register to vote. This receipt may be
20 submitted by a voter in place of a voter registration certificate in
21 an election that occurs at least 30 days after the date the
22 application to register is completed."[~~-~~]

23 (d) The volunteer deputy shall retain one copy of the
24 receipt and deliver the remaining copy [~~duplicate receipt~~] to the

1 registrar with the registration application. The registrar shall
2 retain the receipt on file with the application.

3 SECTION 2. Section 63.006, Election Code, is amended by
4 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 (c) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents a receipt
6 of an application to register to vote issued under Section 13.040
7 shall be accepted for voting under this section if:

8 (1) the application was made on or after the 90th day
9 and before the 29th day preceding the date of the election;

10 (2) the address indicated on the receipt indicates
11 that the voter is a resident of the precinct in which the voter is
12 offering to vote or is otherwise entitled by law to vote in that
13 precinct;

14 (3) the voter completes a voter registration
15 application at the polling place; and

16 (4) the election judge reviews the voter registration
17 application.

18 SECTION 3. Section 63.008, Election Code, is amended by
19 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
20 follows:

21 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a [A] voter who
22 does not present a voter registration certificate when offering to
23 vote, but whose name is on the list of registered voters for the
24 precinct in which the voter is offering to vote, shall be accepted
25 for voting if the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter
26 does not have the voter's voter registration certificate in the
27 voter's possession at the polling place at the time of offering to

1 vote and:

2 (1) the voter presents proof of identification in a
3 form described by Section 63.0101; or

4 (2) the affidavit is also signed by a person who is
5 working at the polling place and who attests to the identity of the
6 voter.

7 (c) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents a receipt
8 of an application to register to vote issued under Section 13.040
9 and whose name is on the list of registered voters for the precinct
10 in which the voter is offering to vote shall be accepted for voting
11 under Section 63.001 if:

12 (1) the application was made on or after the 90th day
13 and before the 29th day preceding the date of the election; and

14 (2) the address indicated on the receipt indicates
15 that the voter is a resident of the precinct in which the voter is
16 offering to vote or is otherwise entitled by law to vote in that
17 precinct.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.