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H.B. No. 1597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of federal write-in absentee ballots by military and overseas personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 105, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 105.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 105.003. USE OF FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to allow a voter who qualifies to vote by a federal write-in absentee ballot to vote through use of a federal write-in absentee ballot in any general, special, primary, or runoff election for federal office.

SECTION 2. The chapter heading to Chapter 105, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 105. VOTING BY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR OTHER PERSONS

OVERSEAS

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.