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H.B. No. 1597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

15 CHAPTER 105. VOTING BY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR OTHER PERSONS

16 OVERSEAS

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