

1-1 By: Madden (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 1597
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the use of federal write-in absentee ballots by
1-9 military and overseas personnel.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 105, Election Code, is amended by adding
1-12 Section 105.003 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 105.003. USE OF FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR
1-14 ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE. The secretary of state shall
1-15 prescribe procedures to allow a voter who qualifies to vote by a
1-16 federal write-in absentee ballot to vote through use of a federal
1-17 write-in absentee ballot in any general, special, primary, or
1-18 runoff election for federal office.

1-19 SECTION 2. The chapter heading to Chapter 105, Election
1-20 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-21 CHAPTER 105. VOTING BY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR OTHER PERSONS
1-22 OVERSEAS

1-23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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