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H.B. No. 1270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications of a deputy voter registrar.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.031(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) To be eligible for appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar, a person must:

(1) be 18 years of age or older;

(2) not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgement of a court;

(3) be a United States citizen; and

(4) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, have:

(A) fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of confinement, parole, or mandatory supervision, or completed a period of community supervision ordered by any court; or

(B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote.

SECTION 2. Section 13.032, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.032. PROHIBITION ON REFUSING TO APPOINT. A registrar may not refuse to appoint as a volunteer deputy registrar:

1 (1) a person eligible under Section 13.031 [~~resident~~
2 ~~of the county served by the registrar~~]; or

3 (2) any person on the basis of sex, race, creed, color,
4 or national origin or ancestry.

5 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to an appointment of a
6 volunteer deputy registrar made on or after the effective date of
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.