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H.B. No. 1509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for the validity of a signature on certain petitions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 141.063(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A signature on a petition is valid if:

(1) except as otherwise provided by this code, the signer, at the time of signing, is a registered voter of the territory from which the office sought is elected or has been issued a registration certificate for a registration that will become effective in that territory on or before the date of the applicable election;

(2) the petition includes the following information with respect to each signer:

(A) the signer's residence address;

(B) the signer's date of birth or ~~and~~ the signer's voter registration number and, if the territory from which signatures must be obtained is situated in more than one county, the county of registration;

(C) the date of signing; and

(D) the signer's printed name;

(3) the part of the petition in which the signature appears contains the affidavit required by Section 141.065;

1           (4) each statement that is required by this code to  
2 appear on each page of the petition appears, at the time of signing,  
3 on the page on which the signature is entered; and

4           (5) any other applicable requirements prescribed by  
5 this code for a signature's validity are complied with.

6           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.