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H.B. No. 1509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (A) the signer's residence address;

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

21 (C) the date of signing; and

22 (D) the signer's printed name;

23 (3) the part of the petition in which the signature
24 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.