

1-1 By: Denny (Senate Sponsor - Jackson) H.B. No. 1509
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2005;
1-3 April 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 17, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the requirements for the validity of a signature on
1-9 certain petitions.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 141.063(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (a) A signature on a petition is valid if:

1-14 (1) except as otherwise provided by this code, the
1-15 signer, at the time of signing, is a registered voter of the
1-16 territory from which the office sought is elected or has been issued
1-17 a registration certificate for a registration that will become
1-18 effective in that territory on or before the date of the applicable
1-19 election;

1-20 (2) the petition includes the following information
1-21 with respect to each signer:

1-22 (A) the signer's residence address;

1-23 (B) the signer's date of birth or [~~and~~] the
1-24 signer's voter registration number and, if the territory from which
1-25 signatures must be obtained is situated in more than one county, the
1-26 county of registration;

1-27 (C) the date of signing; and

1-28 (D) the signer's printed name;

1-29 (3) the part of the petition in which the signature
1-30 appears contains the affidavit required by Section 141.065;

1-31 (4) each statement that is required by this code to
1-32 appear on each page of the petition appears, at the time of signing,
1-33 on the page on which the signature is entered; and

1-34 (5) any other applicable requirements prescribed by
1-35 this code for a signature's validity are complied with.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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