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H.B. No. 2693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a statewide ballot for a person who casts a ballot outside the precinct in which the voter is registered.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 63.0115 to read as follows:

Sec. 63.0115. LIMITED STATEWIDE BALLOT. (a) For an election involving a statewide office or a measure submitted to the voters of this state, the secretary of state shall prescribe the form of a limited statewide ballot that contains each statewide office to be elected and each measure submitted statewide at the election.

(b) Instead of casting a provisional vote under Section 63.011, a person may cast a limited statewide ballot if the person is registered to vote in this state but is not on the list of registered voters in the precinct in which the voter seeks to cast a vote.

(c) A limited statewide ballot shall be processed in the same manner as a provisional ballot except that the early voting ballot board shall accept the ballot under Section 65.054 if the board determines the person is a registered voter of this state.

(d) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures as necessary to implement the limited statewide ballot authorized by this section.

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1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to an election that is ordered on or after the effective date of
3 this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.