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H.B. No. 2110

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a registered sex offender to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.002. QUALIFIED VOTER. In this code, "qualified voter" means a person who:

(1) is 18 years of age or older;

(2) is a United States citizen;

(3) has not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;

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

(A) fully discharged:

(i) the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; and

(ii) the applicable sex offender registration period, if the person was required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, on conviction of the felony; or

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

(5) is a resident of this state; and

1 (6) is a registered voter.

2 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
3 person subject to Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an
4 offense committed before, on, or after the effective date of this
5 Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.