

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements for volunteer deputy registrars.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.031(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) To be eligible for appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar, a person must:

(1) be 18 years of age or older; and

(2) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must have:

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 13.032, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.032. PROHIBITION ON REFUSING TO APPOINT. A registrar may not refuse to appoint as a volunteer deputy registrar:

(1) a person eligible for appointment under Section 13.031(d) [~~resident of the county served by the registrar~~]; or

(2) any person on the basis of sex, race, creed, color,

1 or national origin or ancestry.

2 SECTION 3. The appointment of a person serving as a
3 volunteer deputy registrar who does not meet the eligibility
4 requirements of Section 13.031(d), Election Code, as amended by
5 this Act, expires on the effective date of this Act. The secretary
6 of state shall prescribe procedures necessary to implement this
7 section.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 488 was passed by the House on April 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 488 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor