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H.B. No. 488

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 488:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility requirements for volunteer deputy
3 registrars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (1) a person eligible for appointment under Section
23 13.031(d) [~~resident of the county served by the registrar~~]; or

24 (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.