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H.B. No. 488

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 be eligible to register to vote in the
9 county served by the registrar [~~18 years of age or older~~].

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

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

15 (1) a person eligible to register to vote in [~~resident~~
16 ~~of~~] the county served by the registrar; or

17 (2) any person on the basis of sex, race, creed, color,
18 or national origin or ancestry.

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

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