

1-1 By: Bohac, Anchia, Sheffield H.B. No. 488  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Duncan)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2009;  
1-4 May 6, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-5 Affairs; May 12, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the eligibility requirements for volunteer deputy  
1-10 registrars.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 13.031(d), Election Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (d) To be eligible for appointment as a volunteer deputy  
1-15 registrar, a person must:

1-16 (1) be 18 years of age or older; and

1-17 (2) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if  
1-18 so convicted, must have:

1-19 (A) fully discharged the person's sentence,  
1-20 including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or  
1-21 completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or

1-22 (B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the  
1-23 resulting disability to vote.

1-24 SECTION 2. Section 13.032, Election Code, is amended to  
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 13.032. PROHIBITION ON REFUSING TO APPOINT. A  
1-27 registrar may not refuse to appoint as a volunteer deputy  
1-28 registrar:

1-29 (1) a person eligible for appointment under Section  
1-30 13.031(d) [~~resident of the county served by the registrar~~]; or

1-31 (2) any person on the basis of sex, race, creed, color,  
1-32 or national origin or ancestry.

1-33 SECTION 3. The appointment of a person serving as a  
1-34 volunteer deputy registrar who does not meet the eligibility  
1-35 requirements of Section 13.031(d), Election Code, as amended by  
1-36 this Act, expires on the effective date of this Act. The secretary  
1-37 of state shall prescribe procedures necessary to implement this  
1-38 section.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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