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H.B. No. 536

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 536:

By: Brown of Kaufman

C.S.H.B. No. 536

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the voter registration of a person who submits a federal
3 postcard application to vote in an election.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

7 (h) The submission of a federal postcard application
8 constitutes an application for registration under this section at
9 the voting residence address stated on the application. This
10 subsection does not apply to a person who indicates on the person's
11 federal postcard application that the person is residing outside
12 the United States indefinitely. The secretary of state shall
13 prescribe rules to implement this subsection, including:

14 (1) rules providing directions to court clerks
15 regarding the inclusion on jury lists of persons who submit federal
16 postcard applications; and

17 (2) rules relating to whether a person who submits a
18 federal postcard application is to be considered a registered voter
19 of the applicable authority for the purposes of determining the
20 number of signatures required on a petition.

21 SECTION 2. Section 101.006(a), Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) The submission of a federal postcard application that
24 complies with the applicable requirements by an unregistered

1 applicant constitutes registration by the applicant:

2 (1) [~~only~~] for the purpose of voting in the election
3 for which a ballot is requested; and

4 (2) under Title 2 unless the person indicates on the
5 application that the person is residing outside the United States
6 indefinitely [~~each election that occurs on or before the date of the~~
7 ~~second general election for state and county officers that occurs~~
8 ~~after the date the application is submitted~~].

9 SECTION 3. Section 13.002(h), Election Code, as added by
10 this Act, and Section 101.006(a), Election Code, as amended by this
11 Act, apply to a federal postcard application that is received on or
12 after September 1, 2009, without regard to the date the application
13 is submitted.

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