

1-1 By: Anchia, Pena, Madden H.B. No. 536
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2009;
1-4 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-5 Affairs; May 6, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 6, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to the voter registration of a person who submits a federal
1-10 postcard application to vote in an election.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

1-14 (h) The submission of a federal postcard application
1-15 constitutes an application for registration under this section at
1-16 the voting residence address stated on the application. This
1-17 subsection does not apply to a person who indicates on the person's
1-18 federal postcard application that the person is residing outside
1-19 the United States indefinitely. The secretary of state shall
1-20 prescribe rules to implement this subsection, including:

1-21 (1) rules providing directions to court clerks
1-22 regarding the inclusion on jury lists of persons who submit federal
1-23 postcard applications; and

1-24 (2) rules relating to whether a person who submits a
1-25 federal postcard application is to be considered a registered voter
1-26 of the applicable authority for the purposes of determining the
1-27 number of signatures required on a petition.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 101.006(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-29 read as follows:

1-30 (a) The submission of a federal postcard application that
1-31 complies with the applicable requirements by an unregistered
1-32 applicant constitutes registration by the applicant:

1-33 (1) ~~only~~ for the purpose of voting in the election
1-34 for which a ballot is requested; and

1-35 (2) under Title 2 unless the person indicates on the
1-36 application that the person is residing outside the United States
1-37 indefinitely ~~[each election that occurs on or before the date of the~~
1-38 ~~second general election for state and county officers that occurs~~
1-39 ~~after the date the application is submitted].~~

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 13.002(h), Election Code, as added by
1-41 this Act, and Section 101.006(a), Election Code, as amended by this
1-42 Act, apply to a federal postcard application that is received on or
1-43 after September 1, 2009, without regard to the date the application
1-44 is submitted.

1-45 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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