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H.B. No. 573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a person's eligibility for appointment as a volunteer deputy voter registrar.

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

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

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

(1) be a qualified voter; and

(2) not have been finally convicted of an offense under Section 32.51, Penal Code [~~18 years of age or older~~].

SECTION 2. Section 13.033(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a person is to be appointed, the registrar shall prepare a certificate of appointment in duplicate containing:

(1) the date of appointment;

(2) the statement: "I, _____, Voter Registrar for _____ County, do hereby appoint _____ as a volunteer deputy registrar for _____ County.";

(3) the person's residence address;

(4) the person's voter registration number, if any;

(5) a statement that the term of the appointment expires December 31 of an even-numbered year; and

(6) a statement that the appointment:

1 (A) terminates on the person's final conviction
2 for an offense:

3 (i) for failure to deliver a registration
4 application; or

5 (ii) under Section 32.51, Penal Code; and

6 (B) may terminate on the registrar's
7 determination that the person failed to adequately review a
8 registration application.

9 SECTION 3. Section 13.036(a), Election Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (a) An appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar is
12 terminated on:

13 (1) the expiration of the volunteer deputy's term of
14 appointment; or

15 (2) the final conviction of the volunteer deputy for
16 an offense prescribed by Section 13.043 of this code or Section
17 32.51, Penal Code.

18 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to the appointment of a volunteer deputy voter registrar on or after
20 the effective date of this Act. The appointment of a volunteer
21 deputy voter registrar before the effective date of this Act is
22 governed by the law in effect when the registrar was appointed, and
23 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.