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H.B. No. 1270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to residency requirements for deputy voter registrars.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.006, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) The registrar may appoint one or more deputy registrars to assist in the registration of voters, subject to Subsection (e).

(e) To be eligible for appointment as a regular deputy registrar under this section, a person must have resided continuously in this state for the six months immediately preceding the date of appointment.

SECTION 2. 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 18 years of age or older; ~~and~~

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

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

(B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and

1 (3) have resided continuously in this state for the
2 six months immediately preceding the date of appointment.

3 SECTION 3. The appointment of a person serving as a regular
4 deputy registrar or volunteer deputy registrar who does not meet
5 the eligibility requirements of Section 12.006 or 13.031, Election
6 Code, as amended by this Act, expires on the effective date of this
7 Act. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures necessary
8 to implement this section.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.