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H.B. No. 1306

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 registered voter [~~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

(3) not have been finally convicted of an offense under Section 32.51, Penal Code.

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;

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

4           (3) the person's residence address;

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

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

8           (6) a statement that the appointment:

9                 (A) terminates on the person's final conviction  
10 for an offense:

11                         (i) for failure to deliver a registration  
12 application; or

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

14                 (B) may terminate on the registrar's  
15 determination that the person failed to adequately review a  
16 registration application.

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

19         (a) An appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar is  
20 terminated on:

21                 (1) the expiration of the volunteer deputy's term of  
22 appointment; or

23                 (2) the final conviction of the volunteer deputy for  
24 an offense prescribed by Section 13.043 of this code or Section  
25 32.51, Penal Code.

26         SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
27 to the appointment of a volunteer deputy voter registrar on or after

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1 the effective date of this Act. The appointment of a volunteer  
2 deputy voter registrar before the effective date of this Act is  
3 governed by the law in effect when the registrar was appointed, and  
4 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.