

1-1 By: Murphy, S. Davis of Harris H.B. No. 1570
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Williams)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2011;
1-4 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-5 Affairs; May 9, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 9, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to training for deputy voter registrars.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 12.006, Election Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-13 (e) A regular deputy registrar may not assist in the
1-14 registration of voters until the deputy registrar has completed
1-15 training developed under Section 13.047. At the time of
1-16 appointment, the voter registrar shall provide information about
1-17 the times and places at which training is offered.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 13.031, Election Code, is amended by
1-19 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-20 (e) A volunteer deputy registrar appointed under this
1-21 section may not receive another person's registration application
1-22 until the deputy registrar has completed training developed under
1-23 Section 13.047. At the time of appointment, the voter registrar
1-24 shall provide information about the times and places at which
1-25 training is offered.

1-26 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
1-27 amended by adding Section 13.047 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 13.047. TRAINING STANDARDS FOR DEPUTY REGISTRARS. (a)
1-29 The secretary of state shall:

1-30 (1) adopt standards of training in election law
1-31 relating to the registration of voters;

1-32 (2) develop materials for a standardized curriculum
1-33 for that training; and

1-34 (3) distribute the materials as necessary to each
1-35 county voter registrar.

1-36 (b) The training standards may include the passage of an
1-37 examination at the end of a training program.

1-38 SECTION 4. The secretary of state shall adopt training
1-39 standards under Section 13.047, Election Code, as added by this
1-40 Act, not later than January 1, 2012.

1-41 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-42 a deputy voter registrar appointed on or after the date the
1-43 secretary of state adopts training standards under Section 13.047,
1-44 Election Code, as added by this Act.

1-45 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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