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H.B. No. 1697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain overseas voters to receive a full ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Section 101.001, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.001. ELIGIBILITY. (a) A person is eligible for early voting by mail as provided by this chapter if:

(1) the person is qualified to vote in this state or, if not registered to vote in this state, would be qualified if registered; and

(2) the person is:

(A) a member of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member;

(B) a member of the merchant marine of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member; or

(C) domiciled in this state but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) and Chapter 114, a person who indicates on a federal postcard application that the person is a United States citizen residing outside the United States indefinitely is entitled to vote a full ballot as provided by this chapter if the person is otherwise eligible to vote under this

1 chapter and is a registered voter at the address contained on the
2 application.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
4 federal postcard application that requests a ballot for an election
5 that is held on or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.