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H.B. No. 1773

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of certain overseas voters to receive a
3 full ballot.

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

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

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

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

12 (2) the person is:

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

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

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

20 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) and Chapter 114, a
21 person who indicates on a federal postcard application that the
22 person is a United States citizen residing outside the United
23 States indefinitely is entitled to vote a full ballot as provided by
24 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.