

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 1978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring a voter who is on the suspense list of voters
3 to cast a provisional ballot.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 15.112, Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 15.112. AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE ON STATEMENT. In an
8 election held on or after the date the voter's name is entered on
9 the suspense list and before November 30 following the second
10 general election for state and county officers that occurs after
11 the beginning of the period, a voter whose name appears on a
12 precinct list of registered voters with the notation "S", or a
13 similar notation, may vote only as a provisional vote under Section
14 63.011 in the election precinct in which the list is used if the
15 voter satisfies the residence requirements prescribed by Section
16 63.0011 and submits a statement of residence in accordance with
17 that section.

18 SECTION 2. Section 63.011, Election Code, is amended by
19 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

20 (f) A person whose name appears on a precinct list of
21 registered voters with the notation "S" or a similar notation may
22 only cast a ballot as a provisional vote in the manner required by
23 this section.

24 SECTION 3. Section 65.054, Election Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

2 (e) In addition to the other requirements of this section, a
3 provisional ballot cast by a person described by Section 63.011(f)
4 may not be accepted unless the voter has executed and submitted a
5 statement of residence in accordance with Section 63.0011.

6 SECTION 4. This Act applies only to an election ordered on
7 or after the effective date of this Act.

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