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H.B. No. 2586

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the penalty for making a false statement on a voter
3 registration application.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 13.007(a) and (b), Election Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
8 makes a materially false statement or requests, commands, or
9 attempts to induce another person to make a false statement on a
10 registration application.

11 (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony
12 [~~Class B misdemeanor~~].

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
15 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
16 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
17 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
18 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
19 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
20 before that date.

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