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H.B. No. 2589

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the delivery of a voter registration application to the  
3 registrar by a volunteer deputy registrar; providing a criminal  
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 13.043, Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 13.043. FAILURE TO CONDUCT APPOINTED DUTIES [~~DELIVER~~  
9 ~~APPLICATION~~]. (a) A volunteer deputy registrar commits an offense  
10 if the deputy fails to cause the proper and timely delivery of a  
11 completed voter registration application as required by [~~comply~~  
12 ~~with~~] Section 13.042.

13 (a-1) A volunteer deputy registrar commits an offense if the  
14 volunteer deputy knowingly causes a voter registration application  
15 containing false information to be delivered to the registrar.

16 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an offense under  
17 Subsection (a) [~~this section~~] is a Class C misdemeanor.

18 (c) An offense under Subsection (a) [~~this section~~] is a  
19 Class A misdemeanor if the deputy's failure to comply is  
20 intentional.

21 (d) An offense under Subsection (a-1) is a state jail  
22 felony.

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
24 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
2 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and  
3 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes  
4 of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date  
5 of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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