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H.B. No. 396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to providing a federal postcard applicant with a ballot  
3 for any election in which the applicant is eligible to vote.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 101.054, Election Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) A person may apply with a single federal postcard  
9 application for a ballot for any one or more elections in which the  
10 person is eligible to vote [~~the early voting clerk to whom the~~  
11 ~~application is submitted conducts early voting~~].

12 (b) An application that does not identify the election for  
13 which a ballot is requested shall be treated as if it requests a  
14 ballot for:

15 (1) each general or special election held within one  
16 year after the date the application is received in which the person  
17 is eligible to vote [~~in which the clerk conducts early voting~~]; and

18 (2) the general primary election if the application  
19 indicates party preference and is received within one year before  
20 the date of the general primary election [~~submitted to the early~~  
21 ~~voting clerk for the primary~~].

22 (b-1) If an application under Subsection (b) indicates the  
23 person is eligible to vote in an election in which the early voting  
24 clerk who received the application does not conduct early voting,

1 the clerk shall forward a copy of the application in a form  
2 prescribed by the secretary of state to each early voting clerk who  
3 conducts early voting for an election in which the person is  
4 eligible to vote.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.