

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 396  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;  
1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to providing a federal postcard applicant with a ballot  
1-20 for certain elections in which the applicant is eligible to vote.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 101.054, Election Code, is amended by  
1-23 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) A person may apply with a single federal postcard  
1-26 application for a ballot for any one or more elections in which the  
1-27 person is eligible to vote as provided by this section [~~the early~~  
1-28 ~~voting clerk to whom the application is submitted conducts early~~  
1-29 ~~voting~~].

1-30 (b) An application that does not identify the election for  
1-31 which a ballot is requested shall be treated as if it requests a  
1-32 ballot for:

1-33 (1) except as provided by Subdivision (3), each  
1-34 general election in which the clerk conducts early voting; ~~and~~

1-35 (2) the general primary election if the application  
1-36 indicates party preference and is submitted to the early voting  
1-37 clerk for the primary; and

1-38 (3) each general or special election held by a county,  
1-39 a municipality, or an independent school district within one  
1-40 calendar year after the date the application is received and in  
1-41 which the person is eligible to vote.

1-42 (b-1) If an application under Subsection (b) indicates the  
1-43 person is eligible to vote in an election described by Subsection  
1-44 (b)(3) in which the early voting clerk who received the application  
1-45 does not conduct early voting, the clerk shall forward a copy of the  
1-46 application in a form prescribed by the secretary of state to each  
1-47 early voting clerk who conducts early voting for that election.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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