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H.B. No. 579

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the feasibility of online voting.

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

SECTION 1. Title 8, Election Code, is amended by adding Chapter 130 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 130. FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ONLINE VOTING

Sec. 130.001. FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ONLINE VOTING. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a study to consider the feasibility of implementing the practice of online voting.

(b) The study shall include a thorough explication and investigation of:

(1) the experience of jurisdictions, including foreign nations, that have implemented the practice;

(2) the anticipated cost expenditures or savings to the state and counties upon the implementation of the practice;

(3) the anticipated increase or decrease in voter turnout upon implementation of the practice; and

(4) any security issues or other challenges anticipated, including possible solutions.

(c) The secretary of state shall deliver the report to the legislature not later than January 13, 2015.

Sec. 130.002. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.