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H.B. No. 1129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to allowing military voters on active duty overseas to  
3 cast a ballot electronically.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 105.001(a), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to  
8 allow a person who is casting an early voting ballot by mail to  
9 return the ballot by telephonic facsimile machine, e-mail, or  
10 similar electronic means if the person[+

11 [~~(1)~~] is a member of the armed forces of the United  
12 States who is on active duty overseas, or the spouse or a dependent  
13 of the member [~~;~~ and

14 [~~(2) is casting the ballot from an area:~~

15 [~~(A) in which members of the armed forces are~~  
16 ~~eligible to receive hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay; or~~

17 [~~(B) that has been designated by the president of~~  
18 ~~the United States as a combat zone]~~.

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