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H.B. No. 2233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.041(e), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) In making the determination under Subsection (b)(2), the board may also compare the signatures with any two or more signatures of the voter made within the preceding six years and on file with the voter registrar. For signatures on file with the voter registrar longer than six years, the board may ~~[the signature on the voter's registration application to]~~ confirm that the signatures are those of the same person but may not use the signatures ~~[registration application signature]~~ to determine that the signatures are not those of the same person.

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