

1-1 By: Simmons (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 2233
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2013;
1-3 May 14, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Duncan	X			
1-9	Deuell	X			
1-10	Ellis	X			
1-11	Fraser	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	Lucio	X			
1-14	Nichols	X			
1-15	Van de Putte	X			
1-16	Williams	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted
1-20 by mail.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 87.041(e), Election Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (e) In making the determination under Subsection (b)(2),
1-25 the board may also compare the signatures with any two or more
1-26 signatures of the voter made within the preceding six years and on
1-27 file with the voter registrar [~~the signature on the voter's~~
1-28 ~~registration application~~] to confirm that the signatures are those
1-29 of the same person but may not use the signatures [~~registration~~
1-30 ~~application signature~~] to determine that the signatures are not
1-31 those of the same person.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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