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H.B. No. 2601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to voting a limited ballot on election day following the
3 change of the county of residence by a voter.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 112.002(a) and (d), Election Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) After changing residence to another county, a person is
8 eligible to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance during the
9 early voting period, on election day, or by mail if:

10 (1) the person would have been eligible to vote in the
11 county of former residence on election day if still residing in that
12 county;

13 (2) the person is registered to vote in the county of
14 former residence at the time the person:

15 (A) offers to vote in the county of new
16 residence; or

17 (B) submitted a voter registration application
18 in the county of new residence; and

19 (3) a voter registration for the person in the county
20 of new residence is not effective on or before election day.

21 (d) A statement executed under Subsection (c) shall be
22 submitted:

23 (1) to an election officer at the main early voting
24 polling place, if the person is voting by personal appearance; [~~or~~]

1 (2) to a person designated by the early voting clerk at
2 the location used for the main early voting polling place, if the
3 person is voting on election day; or

4 (3) with the person's application for a ballot to be
5 voted by mail, if the person is voting by mail.

6 SECTION 2. Section 112.006, Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 112.006. PLACE FOR VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE OR ON
9 ELECTION DAY. A person may vote a limited ballot by personal
10 appearance only at the main early voting polling place. A person
11 may vote a limited ballot on election day only at the location of
12 the main early voting polling place.

13 SECTION 3. Section 112.010(a), Election Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (a) If early voting by personal appearance is conducted by
16 voting machine, the early voting clerk may conduct the personal
17 appearance voting of limited ballots by using official ballots for
18 early voting by mail. The early voting clerk may conduct voting of
19 limited ballots on election day at the location of the main early
20 voting polling place by using official ballots for early voting by
21 mail.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.