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H.B. No. 3594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain requirements for voter registration
3 applications and for deputy voter registrars.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.031(d), Election Code, as amended by
6 Chapters 1002 (H.B. 2194) and 1164 (H.B. 2817), Acts of the 82nd
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted and amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (d) To be eligible for appointment as a volunteer deputy
10 registrar, a person must:

11 (1) be 18 years of age or older;

12 (2) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if
13 so convicted, must have:

14 (A) fully discharged the person's sentence,
15 including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or
16 completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or

17 (B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the
18 resulting disability to vote; and

19 ~~[(3) meet the requirements to be a qualified voter~~
20 ~~under Section 11.002 except that the person is not required to be a~~
21 ~~registered voter]~~

22 (3) not have been finally convicted of an offense
23 under Section 32.51, Penal Code.

24 SECTION 2. Section 13.033, Election Code, is amended by

1 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
2 follows:

3 (b) If a person is to be appointed, the registrar shall
4 prepare a certificate of appointment in duplicate containing:

5 (1) the date of appointment;

6 (2) the statement: "I, _____, Voter Registrar
7 for _____ County, do hereby appoint _____ as a
8 volunteer deputy registrar for _____ County.";

9 (3) the person's residence address;

10 (4) the person's voter registration number, if any;

11 (5) a statement that the term of the appointment
12 expires December 31 of an even-numbered year;

13 (6) a volunteer deputy registrar identification
14 number, verified by the secretary of state to be unique; and

15 (7) [~~(6)~~] a statement that the appointment terminates
16 on the person's final conviction for an offense for failure to
17 deliver a registration application and may terminate on the
18 registrar's determination that the person failed to adequately
19 review a registration application.

20 (e) A volunteer deputy registrar whose certificate of
21 appointment does not contain an identification number as required
22 under Subsection (b)(6) shall request a new certificate from the
23 registrar as soon as possible. This subsection expires December
24 31, 2014.

25 SECTION 3. Sections 13.040(a) and (c), Election Code, are
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (a) On receipt of a completed registration application, a

1 volunteer deputy registrar:

2 (1) shall, if the application is on an officially
3 prescribed registration application form, detach the perforated
4 receipt from the application form and prepare it and [prepare] a
5 [receipt in] duplicate on a form furnished by the registrar; and

6 (2) shall, if the application is not on an officially
7 prescribed application form, prepare a receipt in duplicate on a
8 form furnished by the registrar.

9 (c) The volunteer deputy shall sign the receipts [~~receipt~~]
10 in the applicant's presence, shall print the volunteer deputy's
11 unique identification number on the receipts, and shall give the
12 perforated receipt or original receipt, as appropriate, to the
13 applicant. A perforated receipt entitles the applicant to vote a
14 provisional ballot in the manner provided by Section 63.011 except
15 that the applicant is not required to submit the affidavit under
16 Section 63.011(a).

17 SECTION 4. Section 13.047, Election Code, is amended by
18 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

19 (c) Any person approved by the registrar may teach a
20 training course for deputy registrars.

21 SECTION 5. Section 13.122(a), Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) In addition to the other statements and spaces for
24 entering information that appear on an officially prescribed
25 registration application form, each official form must include:

26 (1) the statement: "I understand that giving false
27 information to procure a voter registration is perjury and a crime

1 under state and federal law.";

2 (2) a space for the applicant's registration number;

3 (3) a space for the applicant's Texas driver's license
4 number or number of a personal identification card issued by the
5 Department of Public Safety;

6 (4) a space for the applicant's telephone number;

7 (5) a space for the applicant's social security
8 number;

9 (6) a space for the applicant's sex;

10 (7) a statement indicating that the furnishing of the
11 applicant's telephone number and sex is optional;

12 (8) a space or box for indicating whether the
13 applicant or voter is submitting new registration information or a
14 change in current registration information;

15 (9) a statement instructing a voter who is using the
16 form to make a change in current registration information to enter
17 the voter's name and the changed information in the appropriate
18 spaces on the form;

19 (10) a statement that if the applicant declines to
20 register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be
21 used only for voter registration purposes;

22 (11) a statement that if the applicant does register
23 to vote, information regarding the agency or office to which the
24 application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used
25 only for voter registration purposes;

26 (12) a space or box for indicating whether the
27 applicant is interested in working as an election judge;

1 (13) a statement warning that a conviction for making
2 a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to the maximum
3 amount of time provided by law, a fine of up to the maximum amount
4 provided by law, or both the imprisonment and the fine; [~~and~~]

5 (14) a perforated receipt that may be authenticated
6 and detached by a deputy registrar pursuant to Section 13.040; and

7 (15) any other voter registration information
8 required by federal law or considered appropriate and required by
9 the secretary of state.

10 SECTION 6. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
11 over another Act of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013,
12 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
13 codes.

14 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.