

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 315  
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 1-4 April 16, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 16, 2013,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 315 By: Nichols

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to electronic voter registration.  
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is  
 1-24 amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:  
 1-25 Sec. 13.009. ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION. (a) The  
 1-26 secretary of state shall implement a program to allow a person to  
 1-27 complete a voter registration application over the Internet from  
 1-28 the official website of this state. The websites of the secretary  
 1-29 of state and the Department of Public Safety must also provide a  
 1-30 link to the location of the application on the official website of  
 1-31 this state.  
 1-32 (b) An applicant for electronic voter registration who has  
 1-33 an unexpired driver's license or personal identification card  
 1-34 issued in this state must:  
 1-35 (1) attest to the truth of the information provided on  
 1-36 the application by affirmatively accepting the information as true;  
 1-37 and  
 1-38 (2) affirmatively consent to the use of the signature  
 1-39 on the applicant's driver's license or personal identification card  
 1-40 for voter registration purposes.  
 1-41 (c) An applicant for electronic voter registration who does  
 1-42 not have an unexpired driver's license or personal identification  
 1-43 card issued in this state must:  
 1-44 (1) attest to the truth of the information provided on  
 1-45 the application by affirmatively accepting the information as true;  
 1-46 and  
 1-47 (2) print a registration application from the website  
 1-48 the applicant is using to register, sign the application, and mail  
 1-49 it to the registrar.  
 1-50 (d) For each application submitted under Subsection (b),  
 1-51 the program shall require that a digital copy of the applicant's  
 1-52 signature be obtained from the Department of Public Safety.  
 1-53 (e) For each application submitted under Subsection (c),  
 1-54 the program shall provide the applicant with:  
 1-55 (1) a registration application that the applicant can  
 1-56 print from the registration website, sign, and mail to the  
 1-57 registrar as required under Subsection (c)(2); and  
 1-58 (2) information about how the applicant can obtain a  
 1-59 driver's license or personal identification card from the  
 1-60 Department of Public Safety.

2-1 (f) An application submitted under this section is  
2-2 considered for all purposes as an application submitted by mail  
2-3 under this title.

2-4 (g) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to  
2-5 implement this section, including rules to provide for additional  
2-6 security measures necessary to ensure the accuracy and integrity of  
2-7 applications submitted electronically.

2-8 (h) The rules adopted under Subsection (g) must require  
2-9 that:

2-10 (1) the Internet website through which a person may  
2-11 complete a voter registration application include a description of  
2-12 the offense described by Section 13.007 in a conspicuous location  
2-13 on the website near the place where the person begins or submits the  
2-14 application; and

2-15 (2) the state electronic Internet portal project be  
2-16 used to authenticate the identity of a person who submits an  
2-17 application electronically under this section.

2-18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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