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H.B. No. 1452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirements for a person to vote in the precinct of
3 the person's former residence.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 63.0011, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and
7 (b-3) to read as follows:

8 (a) Before a voter may be accepted for voting, an election
9 officer shall ask the voter if the voter's residence address on the
10 precinct list of registered voters is current and whether the voter
11 has changed residence [~~within the county~~]. If the voter's address
12 is omitted from the precinct list under Section 18.005(c), the
13 officer shall ask the voter if the voter's residence, if listed, on
14 identification presented by the voter under Section 63.001(b) is
15 current and whether the voter has changed residence [~~within the~~
16 ~~county~~].

17 (b-1) If the voter's address is not current because the
18 voter has changed residence to a different county within 30 days of
19 the date of the election, the voter may vote, if otherwise eligible,
20 in the election precinct in which the voter is registered.

21 (b-2) In a joint election held in accordance with Chapter
22 271, if the voter's address is not current because the voter has
23 changed residence within the county, the voter may vote, if
24 otherwise eligible, in the election precinct in which the voter is

1 registered. A voter eligible under this subsection shall receive a
2 joint election ballot according to the voter's registered residence
3 address, notwithstanding Section 11.001(a)(2) or any other
4 provision of this code.

5 (b-3) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to ensure
6 that a voter's pending registration is not canceled due to a vote
7 cast by the voter voting under Subsection (b-1) or (b-2) in the
8 precinct in which the voter is registered.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.