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S.B. No. 142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment and training of volunteer deputy registrars.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.048 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.048. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR; PROVISION OF TRAINING MATERIALS ON SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE. (a) A county may adopt a method of appointment for volunteer deputy registrars under this section that provides for the training and examination of potential volunteer deputy registrars.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the secretary of state shall:

(1) provide on the secretary of state's website the training materials prescribed by the secretary of state under Section 13.047 for volunteer deputy registrars; and

(2) prescribe and make available on the secretary of state's website an examination based on those materials.

(c) A county that has adopted the method under this section:

(1) shall administer the required examination to a potential volunteer deputy registrar at any time during the county voter registrar's regular business hours; and

(2) is not required to hold in-person training

1 sessions for potential volunteer deputy registrars.

2 (d) At the time a person satisfactorily completes the
3 examination in compliance with standards adopted by the secretary
4 of state, the registrar shall appoint the person as a volunteer
5 deputy registrar and advise the person:

6 (1) of county-specific procedures for processing
7 voter registration applications, if applicable; and

8 (2) that the only requirements for voter registration
9 are those prescribed by state law or by the secretary of state.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.