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S.B. No. 261

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to registration powers of volunteer deputy registrars.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.031, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) A volunteer deputy registrar appointed under this section may serve as a volunteer deputy registrar throughout the state regardless of which county appointed the deputy registrar. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to implement this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 13.033(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) the date of appointment;

(2) the statement: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, Voter Registrar for \_\_\_\_\_ County, do hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a volunteer deputy registrar [~~for \_\_\_\_\_ County~~].";

(3) the person's residence address;

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

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

(6) a statement that the appointment terminates on the person's final conviction for an offense for failure to deliver a

1 registration application and may terminate on the registrar's  
2 determination that the person failed to adequately review a  
3 registration application.

4 SECTION 3. Section 13.034(b), Election Code, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (b) The registrar shall maintain the file in alphabetical  
7 order by deputy name [~~on a countywide basis~~].

8 SECTION 4. Section 13.035(c), Election Code, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (c) The registrar shall maintain the file in alphabetical  
11 order by deputy name [~~on a countywide basis~~].

12 SECTION 5. Section 13.037(a), Election Code, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (a) A person may not receive compensation from any [~~the~~]  
15 county for service as a volunteer deputy registrar unless  
16 compensation is authorized by the commissioners court.

17 SECTION 6. Section 13.038, Election Code, is amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 13.038. POWERS GENERALLY. (a) A volunteer deputy  
20 registrar may distribute voter registration application forms  
21 throughout the county and receive registration applications  
22 submitted to the deputy in person.

23 (b) A volunteer deputy registrar may distribute a voter  
24 registration application in the form prescribed by the secretary of  
25 state under Section 31.002 throughout the state and receive an  
26 application in that form submitted to the deputy in person,  
27 regardless of the county in which the application was printed.

1        (c) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to  
2 implement this section.

3        SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.