1-1 S.B. No. 1115 By: Campbell (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2015; March 16, 2015, read 1-2 1-3 time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; first April 14, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, 1-4 1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2015, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7 Yea Nav Absent PNV 1-8 Huffman Х 1-9 Х Ellis 1-10 1-11 Birdwell Х Creighton Х 1-12 Х Estes Fraser 1-13 Х Х 1-14 Nelson 1**-**15 1**-**16 Schwertner Х Zaffirini Х

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to a program allowing certain military voters on active 1-20 duty overseas to cast a ballot electronically. 1-21

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 105.004(b), (c), (d), and (e), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (b) The secretary of state shall select to participate in 1-25 the program a number of counties as determined by the secretary of 1-26 state [one county] that:

1-27 1-28 (1)desire [desires] to participate in the program; and

1-29 are [is] determined by the secretary of state to (2) 1-30 have the appropriate technological capabilities.

1-31 (c) The secretary of state shall operate the program 1-32 established under Subsection (a) as a pilot program until September 1-33 1, <u>2017</u> [<del>2015</del>].

(d) Not later than January 1, 2017 [2015], the secretary of state shall file a report with the legislature. The report may 1-34 1-35 1-36 include the secretary of state's recommendations on the future use of e-mail ballot submission by members of the armed forces of the United States and suggestions for permanent statutory authority regarding e-mail ballot submission by members of the armed forces 1-37 1-38 1-39 1-40 of the United States. 1-41

This section expires September 1, 2017 [2015]. (e)

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1 - 441-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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