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H.B. No. 1414

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1414:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the overseas military e-mail ballot program.

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

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

(b) The secretary of state shall select to participate in the program any county [~~a number of counties as determined by the secretary of state~~] that:

(1) desires [~~desire~~] to participate in the program;

and

(2) is [~~are~~] determined by the secretary of state to have the appropriate technological capabilities.

(c) The secretary of state shall operate the program established under Subsection (a) [~~as a pilot program~~] until September 1, 2021 [~~2017~~].

(d) Not later than January 1, 2021 [~~2017~~], the secretary of state shall file a report with the legislature. The report may 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 of the United States.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2021 [~~2017~~].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.