



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 5 of the bill
3 and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 5 accordingly:

4 SECTION 5.____. Section 13.038, Election Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 13.038. POWERS GENERALLY. (a) A volunteer deputy
7 registrar may distribute voter registration application forms
8 throughout the county and receive registration applications
9 submitted to the deputy in person.

10 (b) A volunteer deputy registrar may distribute application
11 forms for a ballot to be voted by mail throughout the county and
12 receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted to
13 the deputy in person as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter 84.

14 SECTION 5.____. Section 84.007(b), Election Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 (b) An application must be submitted to the early voting clerk
17 by:

18 (1) mail;

19 (2) common or contract carrier;

20 (2-a) a volunteer deputy registrar, subsequent to a
21 delivery made to the volunteer deputy registrar under Subchapter
22 C;

23 (3) subject to Subsection (b-1), telephonic facsimile
24 machine, if a machine is available in the clerk's office; or

25 (4) subject to Subsection (b-1), electronic transmission
26 of a scanned application containing an original signature.

1 SECTION 5.____. Chapter 84, Election Code, is amended by
2 adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

3 SUBCHAPTER C. VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRARS

4 Sec. 84.051. APPLICATION FORMS FURNISHED BY VOLUNTEER DEPUTY
5 REGISTRAR. (a) A volunteer deputy registrar may maintain a supply
6 of official application forms for a ballot to be voted by mail and
7 shall furnish the forms to voters throughout the county in a manner
8 consistent with law.

9 (b) A voter may submit an application for a ballot to be voted
10 by mail by delivering the application to a volunteer deputy
11 registrar.

12 (c) To the extent practicable, the procedure under this
13 section for distributing applications for a ballot to be voted by
14 mail and delivering applications shall be the same as the procedure
15 for delivering a registration application under Subchapter B,
16 Chapter 13.

17 Sec. 84.052. DELIVERY OF APPLICATION TO EARLY VOTING CLERK.

18 (a) A volunteer deputy registrar shall deliver in person, or by
19 personal delivery through another designated volunteer deputy, to
20 the early voting clerk each completed application for a ballot to
21 be voted by mail submitted to the deputy, as provided by this
22 section. The secretary of state shall prescribe any procedures
23 necessary to ensure the proper and timely delivery of completed
24 applications that are not delivered in person by the volunteer
25 deputy who receives them.

26 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an application shall
27 be delivered to the early voting clerk not later than 5 p.m. of
28 the fifth day after the date the application is submitted to the
29 volunteer deputy registrar.

30 (c) An application submitted after the 15th day before the
31 date of an election and on or before the last day for a person to
32 timely submit an application for a ballot to be voted by mail for

1 that election as provided by Section 84.007 shall be delivered to
2 the early voting clerk not later than 5 p.m. of the next regular
3 business day after the date to timely submit an application for a
4 ballot to be voted by mail for that election as provided by Section
5 13.143.

6 Sec. 84.053. FAILURE TO DELIVER APPLICATION. (a) A volunteer
7 deputy registrar commits an offense if the deputy fails to comply
8 with Section 84.052.

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an offense under
10 this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

11 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor if
12 the deputy's failure to comply is intentional.

13 Sec. 85.054. ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR DEPUTY REGISTRARS. The
14 secretary of state shall supplement the training under Section
15 13.047 to include standards of training in election law relating
16 to applications for a ballot to be voted by mail.