

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the voter registration of a person who submits a federal  
3 postcard application to vote in an election.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

7 (h) The submission of a federal postcard application  
8 constitutes an application for registration under this section at  
9 the voting residence address stated on the application. This  
10 subsection does not apply to a person who indicates on the person's  
11 federal postcard application that the person is residing outside  
12 the United States indefinitely. The secretary of state shall  
13 prescribe rules to implement this subsection, including:

14 (1) rules providing directions to court clerks  
15 regarding the inclusion on jury lists of persons who submit federal  
16 postcard applications; and

17 (2) rules relating to whether a person who submits a  
18 federal postcard application is to be considered a registered voter  
19 of the applicable authority for the purposes of determining the  
20 number of signatures required on a petition.

21 SECTION 2. Section 101.006(a), Election Code, is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (a) The submission of a federal postcard application that  
24 complies with the applicable requirements by an unregistered

1 applicant constitutes registration by the applicant;

2           (1) ~~[only]~~ for the purpose of voting in the election  
3 for which a ballot is requested; and

4           (2) under Title 2 unless the person indicates on the  
5 application that the person is residing outside the United States  
6 indefinitely ~~[each election that occurs on or before the date of the~~  
7 ~~second general election for state and county officers that occurs~~  
8 ~~after the date the application is submitted]~~.

9           SECTION 3. Section 13.002(h), Election Code, as added by  
10 this Act, and Section 101.006(a), Election Code, as amended by this  
11 Act, apply to a federal postcard application that is received on or  
12 after September 1, 2009, without regard to the date the application  
13 is submitted.

14           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jon Strom

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 536 was passed by the House on April 9, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 536 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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RICK PERRY

Governor

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Secretary of State