

AN ACT

relating to the voter registration of certain persons disqualified from jury service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0142 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0142. NOTICE ON WRITTEN SUMMONS. If a written summons for jury duty allows a person to claim a disqualification or exemption by signing a statement and returning it to the clerk of the court, the form must notify the person that by claiming a disqualification or exemption based on the lack of citizenship or lack of residence in the county the person might no longer be eligible to vote in the county.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 62, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 62.114 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.114. COMPILATION OF LIST OF NONRESIDENTS. (a) The clerk of the court shall maintain a list containing the name and address of each person who is excused or disqualified under this subchapter from jury service because the person is not a resident of the county.

(b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall send to the voter registrar of the county a copy of the list of persons excused or disqualified in the previous month because the persons do not reside in the county.

1           (c) A list compiled under this section may not be used for a  
2 purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section  
3 15.081, Election Code.

4           (d) The voter registrar shall notify each person contained  
5 on a list sent to the registrar under Subsection (b) at the address  
6 shown on the person's jury summons that the person is being placed  
7 on the county's suspense list of registered voters because of the  
8 person's excuse or disqualification from jury service based on  
9 nonresidence in the county. The notice must include information  
10 describing how the person may be removed from the suspense list and  
11 restored to regular voter registration in the county.

12           SECTION 3. Section 15.081(a), Election Code, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

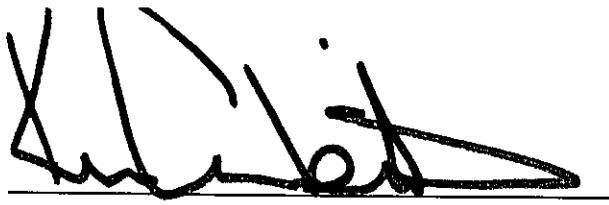
14           (a) The registrar shall maintain a suspense list containing  
15 the name of each voter:

16                 (1) who fails to submit a response to the registrar in  
17 accordance with Section 15.053;

18                 (2) [~~or~~] whose renewal certificate is returned to the  
19 registrar in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 14; or

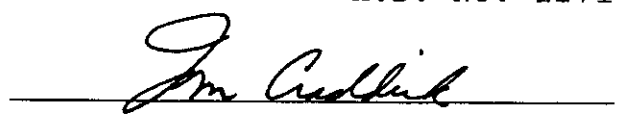
20                 (3) who appears on the list of nonresidents of the  
21 county provided to the registrar under Section 62.114, Government  
22 Code.

23           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.



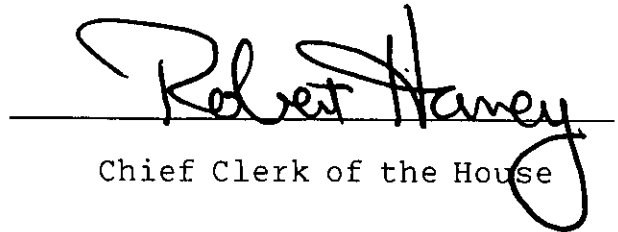
President of the Senate

H.B. No. 1271



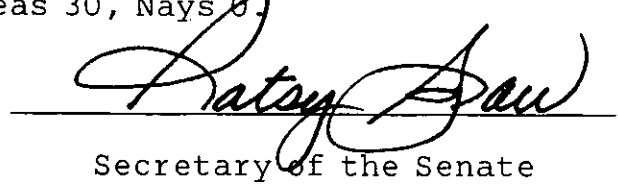
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1271 was passed by the House on April 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1271 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.



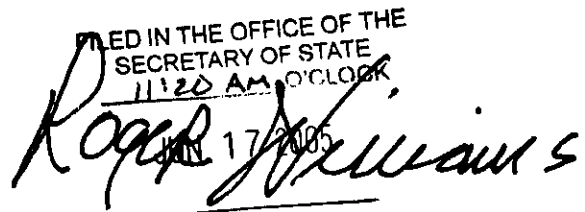
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUNE '05

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