Chapter 570

H.B. No. 2778

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the elections for which federal postcard applicant |
| 3 | voters may be sent ballots by e-mail. |
| 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 5 | SECTION 1. Section 101.104, Election Code, is amended to |
| 6 | read as follows: |
| 7 | Sec. 101.104. ELECTIONS COVERED. Balloting [The e-mail |
| 8 | transmission of balloting] materials may be sent by e-mail under |
| 9 | this subchapter for any election in which the voter who registers |
| 10 | under this chapter is eligible to vote [is limited to: |
| 11 | [(1) an election in which an office of the federal |
| 12 | government appears on the ballot, including a primary election; |
| 13 | [(2) an election to fill a vacancy in the legislature |
| 14 | unless: |
| 15 | [(A) the election is ordered as an emergency |
| 16 | election under Section 41.0011; or |
| 17 | (B) the election is held as an expedited |
| 18 | election under Section 203.013; or |
| 19 | [(3) an election held jointly with an election |
| 20 | described by Subdivision (1) or (2)]. |
| 21 | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015. |

President of the Senate

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The state of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2778 was passed by the House on May 7, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2778 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

6-13-2015

Date

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

4:50 pm O'CLOCK

Secretary of State

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 13, 2015

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2778 by Elkins (Relating to the elections for which federal postcard applicant voters

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Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, AG, SD, EK, CM

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 12, 2015

TO: Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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