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H. B. No. 216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to electronic voter registration.

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

4 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 13.009. ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION. (a) The
7 secretary of state shall implement a program to allow a person who
8 has a valid driver's license or personal identification card issued
9 in this state to complete a voter registration application over the
10 Internet from the official website of this state and the websites of
11 the secretary of state, the Department of Public Safety, and
12 counties participating in the program.

13 (b) An applicant for electronic voter registration must:

20 (c) For each application submitted, the program shall
21 require that a digital copy of the applicant's signature be
22 obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

23 (d) An application submitted under this section is
24 considered for all purposes as an application submitted by mail

1 under this title.

2 (e) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
3 implement this section, including rules to provide for additional
4 security measures necessary to ensure the accuracy and integrity of
5 applications submitted electronically.

6 (f) The rules adopted under Subsection (e) must require that
7 each Internet website through which a person may complete a voter
8 registration application include a description of the offense
9 described by Section 13.007 in a conspicuous location on the
10 website near the place where the person begins or submits the
11 application.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.