

1-1 By: Garcia S.B. No. 142  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 27, 2015,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 April 28, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 28, 2015,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Ellis	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Estes	X		
1-14	Fraser	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Schwertner	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 142 By: Nelson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the appointment and training of volunteer deputy  
1-22 registrars.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Election Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 13.048 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 13.048. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
1-27 VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR; PROVISION OF TRAINING MATERIALS ON  
1-28 SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE. (a) A county may adopt a method of  
1-29 appointment for volunteer deputy registrars under this section that  
1-30 provides for the training and examination of potential volunteer  
1-31 deputy registrars.

1-32 (b) For the purposes of this section, the secretary of state  
1-33 shall:

1-34 (1) provide on the secretary of state's website the  
1-35 training materials prescribed by the secretary of state under  
1-36 Section 13.047 for volunteer deputy registrars; and

1-37 (2) prescribe and make available on the secretary of  
1-38 state's website an examination based on those materials.

1-39 (c) A county that has adopted the method under this section:

1-40 (1) shall administer the required examination to a  
1-41 potential volunteer deputy registrar at any time during the county  
1-42 voter registrar's regular business hours; and

1-43 (2) is not required to hold in-person training  
1-44 sessions for potential volunteer deputy registrars.

1-45 (d) At the time a person satisfactorily completes the  
1-46 examination in compliance with standards adopted by the secretary  
1-47 of state, the registrar shall appoint the person as a volunteer  
1-48 deputy registrar and advise the person:

1-49 (1) of county-specific procedures for processing  
1-50 voter registration applications, if applicable; and

1-51 (2) that the only requirements for voter registration  
1-52 are those prescribed by state law or by the secretary of state.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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