A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
relating to a study on the feasibility of online voting.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Title 8, Election Code, is amended by adding
Chapter 130 to read as follows:
CHAPTER 130. FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ONLINE VOTING
Sec. 130.001. FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ONLINE VOTING. (a) The
secretary of state shall conduct a study to consider the
feasibility of implementing the practice of online voting.
(b) The study shall include a thorough explication and
investigation of:
(1) the experience of jurisdictions, including
foreign nations, that have implemented the practice;
(2) the anticipated cost expenditures or savings to
the state and counties upon the implementation of the practice;
(3) the anticipated increase or decrease in voter
turnout upon implementation of the practice; and
(4) any security issues or other challenges
anticipated, including possible solutions.
(c) The secretary of state shall deliver the report to the
legislature not later than January 13, 2015.
Sec. 130.002. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September
1, 2015.
SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.