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By Russell  
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The Honorable Gib Lewis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, to whom was referred _____ HB 210 _____ have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it (measure)

( ) do pass, without amendment.
( ) do pass, with amendment(s).
( ) do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.

A fiscal note was requested.  ( ) yes  ( ) no

An author’s fiscal statement was requested.  ( ) yes  ( ) no

An actuarial analysis was requested.  ( ) yes  ( ) no

The Committee recommends that this measure be placed on the (Local) or (Consent) Calendar.

This measure  ( ) proposes new law.
( ) amends existing law.

House Sponsor of Senate Measure ____________

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

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Total 6 aye  
1 nay  
0 present, not voting  
2 absent

CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR
H.B. 210

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BY: Ragsdale

BILL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under current law, there are no provisions which specifically address the problems of registration of high school age voters. In some counties, difficulties have been experienced in going onto high school campuses to register eligible students to vote.

PURPOSE

To appoint high school principals or persons designated by the principal of public high schools to serve as deputy voter registrars to receive applications from students or employees of high schools or institutions.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS OF COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1: Amends Article 5.20a, Vernon's Texas Election Code, by adding Subdivision 6 as follows:

(a) States that public high school principals or persons designated by the principal shall act as deputy registrars to receive voter registration applications from high school students and employees.

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(c) Provides that voter registration form shall be accompanied by a notice informing the student or employee that application may be submitted to voter registrar in their county or may be submitted in person to person serving as deputy voter registrar.

SECTION 3: Emergency Clause.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill delegates no additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, agency, department or institution.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

Public notice was posted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives and a public hearing was held on February 22, 1983.

The bill was referred to a subcommittee consisting of the following members: Chair, Mr. S. Russell, Mr. Gandy, and Mr. G. Hill. On April 26 H.B. 210 was reported to the full committee with a committee substitute.

On April 26 the full committee voted to report H.B. 210 to the House with a committee substitute and the recommendation that it do pass by a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 absent.

Mr. Bob Slagle, Chairman, State Democratic Party of Texas, testified in favor of H.B. 210.
COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL BILL TO SUBSTITUTE

The committee substitute adds language to provide that a principal may designate an individual to serve as deputy registrar. The substitute also adds language which states that the person acting as registrar may only distribute applications to and accept applications from students and employees of that school or institution. It also adds language which provides that the voter registration form shall be accompanied by a notice informing the student or employee that the application may be submitted to the voter registrar in their county or that it may be submitted in person to the person serving as deputy voter registrar.

This bill proposes new law.
Honorable El Franco Lee, Chair
Committee on Elections
House of Representatives
Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 210
By: Ragsdale

Sir:

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 210 (relating to the designation of certain public school administrators as deputy voter registrars) this office has determined the following:

No fiscal implication is anticipated to the State or units of local government except in those situations in which a county commissioners court chooses to pay a fee to deputy registrars.

Jim Oliver
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Source: Secretary of State;
LBB Staff: JO, HS, PA
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AMENDMENT BY RAGSDALE

Amend HB 210, SECTION 1, adding the following language to proposed Subdivision 6:

(d) The Secretary of State shall issue the instructions necessary to implement this Act.

ADOPTED

MAY 10, 1983

Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
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H.B. 210 by Ragsdale (Edwards)

Relating to the designation and service of certain public school officials as deputy voter registrars.

Background Information:

Under current law, there exist no provisions which specifically address the problems of registration of voters who are of high school age.

Problems that the Bill Addresses:

In certain counties in this state, difficulties have arisen with the ability to go onto high school campuses to register eligible students to vote.

How This Bill Will Solve the Problem(s):

This bill appoints high school principals or persons designated by the principal of a public high school to serve as deputy voter registrars to distribute and accept voter register applications from students and employees of the school institution.

This bill amends existing law.

Section by Section Analysis:

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SECTION 2: Emergency Clause.

Changes in Agency Rulemaking Authority:

None.
REQUEST FOR LOCAL & UNCONTESTED CALENDAR PLACEMENT

Hon. Roy Blake, Chairman
Administration Committee

Sir:

Pursuant to S.R. 148, notice is hereby given that H.B. 210, by: edwards,
was heard by the Committee on State Affairs on 5/25, 1983
and reported out with the recommendation that it be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Chairman of the reporting committee

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO A PRINTED COPY OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION, WHICH ALONG WITH 7 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, ROOM G-27J. PLEASE CALL 5-1134 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BILLS FOR THE LOCAL CALENDAR IS 5:00 P.M. MONDAYS.

Attach white copy of this form to original bill; yellow copy to Reporting Committee; pink copy to Sponsor
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President of the Senate

I certify that H.B. No. 210 was passed by the House on May 10, 1983, by a non-record vote.

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 210 was passed by the Senate on May 29, 1983, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: ____________________________

Date

Governor
H. B. No. 210

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DEC 15 1982

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

FEB 8 1983

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on

Elections

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at 5:15 pm

APR 2 1983

4. Printed and distributed at 6:04 pm

April 21, 1983

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at 2:08 pm

MAY 9 1983

6. Read second time (as amended); passed to third reading Limit by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of , yeas, nays, present, not voting).

MAY 10 1983

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of , yeas, nays, and present, not voting).

MAY 1 0 1983

8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of , yeas, nays, and present, not voting.

MAY 1 0 1983

9. Read third time (amended) finally passed (voted by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of , yeas, nays, present, not voting).

MAY 1 0 1983

10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

MAY 1 0 1983

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. (as amended) was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of , yeas, nays, and present, not voting).

MAY 1 0 1983

12. Ordered Engrossed at 10:40 am

MAY 1 0 1983

13. Engrossed.

MAY 1 0 1983

14. Returned to Chief Clerk at 2:31 pm

MAY 1 0 1983

15. Sent to Senate.

Betsy Murray
Chief Clerk of the House

MAY 10 1983

16. Received from the House

MAY 11 1983

17. Read, referred to Committee on STATE AFFAIRS

MAY 2 8 1983

18. Reported favorably

MAY 2 8 1983

19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

MAY 2 8 1983

20. Ordered not printed.

MAY 2 8 1983

21. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.)

( , yeas, , nays.)
22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

23. Read second time passed to third reading by: [Signature]

24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of 30 yeas, 1 nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

26. Read third time and passed by: [Signature]

OTHER ACTION: OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

5-29-83

27. Returned to the House.

28. Received from the Senate (With amendments.) (as substituted)

29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

30. Conference Committee Ordered.

31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

32. Ordered Enrolled at 4:30 p.m.