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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Federal postcard applications (FPCAs) allow a voter living overseas to request a ballot and register for a specific election. Under current law, procedures relating to FPCAs ensure that the voter will also receive ballots for each federal election that occurs up to four years following the submission of the FPCA. There is no provision in current law, however, that provides for a period of continuous registration for other elections, such as those for cities or school districts. H.B. 2059 remedies this by providing that FPCAs serve as a ballot application for non-federal elections during the extended period, as well as for federal elections.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 101.006(a), Election Code, by removing the specification that federal postcard applications serve as ballot applications only for federal elections.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.