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NEW SECTION. 53.4 ONGOING ABSENTEE VOTER. 1 Section 1. A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot under 3 section 53.2 may request to receive an absentee ballot for 4 each subsequent general election in which that person is 5 eligible to vote, and qualifies under section 53.1. 6 commissioner shall provide on the prescribed form a check box 7 for this purpose. For each subsequent general election, the 8 county commissioner of elections shall automatically mail an 9 absentee ballot to the requesting voter, or automatically 10 deliver an absentee ballot to a confined person pursuant to 11 section 53.22. A voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter 12 shall be terminated upon the request of the voter, by the 13 county commissioner if the voter fails to qualify under 14 section 53.1, or if the voter fails to vote in a subsequent 15 general election. 16 **EXPLANATION** This bill allows an absentee voter to receive absentee 17 18 ballots for all subsequent general elections without having to 19 reapply before each election. A person's status as an ongoing 20 absentee voter can be terminated by that person, by the county 21 commissioner of elections if the person fails to qualify as an 22 absentee voter, or if the voter fails to vote in a subsequent 23 general election. 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

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