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H.B. No. 1264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the time for making required reports of deceased  
3 residents of this state to a voter registrar and to the secretary of  
4 state.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 16.001(a) and (b), Election Code, are  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) Each month the local registrar of deaths shall prepare  
9 an abstract of each death certificate issued in the month for a  
10 decedent 18 years of age or older who was a resident of the state at  
11 the time of death. The local registrar of deaths shall file each  
12 abstract with the voter registrar of the decedent's county of  
13 residence and the secretary of state as soon as possible, but not  
14 later than the seventh [10th] day after the date ~~[of the month~~  
15 ~~following the month in which]~~ the abstract is prepared.

16 (b) Each month the clerk of each court having probate  
17 jurisdiction shall prepare an abstract of each application for  
18 probate of a will, administration of a decedent's estate, or  
19 determination of heirship, and each affidavit under Chapter 205,  
20 Estates Code, that is filed in the month with a court served by the  
21 clerk. The clerk shall file each abstract with the voter registrar  
22 and the secretary of state as soon as possible, but not later than  
23 the seventh [10th] day after the date ~~[of the month following the~~  
24 ~~month in which]~~ the abstract is prepared.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.