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H.B. No. 2263

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the requirements for accepting certain election
3 materials.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.072(c), Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), if the registrar
8 determines that an application does not comply with Section 13.002
9 or does not indicate that the applicant is eligible for
10 registration, the registrar shall reject the application. The
11 registrar may not cure the application.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 65, Election Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 65.0105 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 65.0105. NO OPPORTUNITY TO CURE. Except as provided by
15 Section 65.0541, a ballot that does not meet the requirements for
16 acceptance must be rejected and may not be cured by:

- 17 (1) the voter;
18 (2) an election officer;
19 (3) a presiding judge or member of the early voting
20 ballot board; or
21 (4) a chair or member of a signature verification
22 committee.

23 SECTION 3. Section 86.001(c), Election Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

1 (c) Except as provided by Section 86.008, if the applicant
2 is not entitled to vote by mail, the clerk shall reject the
3 application, enter on the application "rejected" and the reason for
4 and date of rejection, and deliver written notice of the reason for
5 the rejection to the applicant at both the residence address and
6 mailing address on the application. A ballot may not be provided to
7 an applicant whose application is rejected. The clerk may not cure
8 an application.

9 SECTION 4. Section 141.062(c), Election Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (c) Once submitted, [~~After the filing deadline.~~
12 [~~(1)~~] a candidate may not amend a petition in lieu of a
13 filing fee submitted with the candidate's application without a
14 notarized affidavit [~~+~~] and

15 [~~(2)~~] the authority with whom the application is filed
16 may not accept an amendment to a petition in lieu of a filing fee
17 submitted with the candidate's application that does not include a
18 notarized affidavit.

19 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act in adding
20 Section 65.0105, Election Code, and amending Section 141.062(c),
21 Election Code, apply only to an election ordered on or after the
22 effective date of this Act.

23 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.