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H.B. No. 1140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the voter identification required for submission of an  
3 early voting ballot by mail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 84.002(a) and (b-1), Election Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) An early voting ballot application must include:

8 (1) the applicant's name and the address at which the  
9 applicant is registered to vote;

10 (1-a) the following information:

11 (A) the number of the applicant's driver's  
12 license, election identity certification card [~~identification~~  
13 ~~certificate~~], or personal identification card issued by the  
14 Department of Public Safety;

15 (B) if the applicant has not been issued a number  
16 described by Paragraph (A), the last four digits of the applicant's  
17 social security number; or

18 (C) a statement by the applicant that the  
19 applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A) or  
20 (B);

21 (2) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
22 on the ground of absence from the county of residence, the address  
23 outside the applicant's county of residence to which the ballot is  
24 to be mailed;

1           (3) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
2 on the ground of age or disability, the address of the hospital,  
3 nursing home or other long-term care facility, or retirement  
4 center, or of a person related to the applicant within the second  
5 degree by affinity or the third degree by consanguinity, as  
6 determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, if the applicant is  
7 living at that address and that address is different from the  
8 address at which the applicant is registered to vote;

9           (4) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
10 on the ground of confinement in jail, the address of the jail or of a  
11 person related to the applicant within the degree described by  
12 Subdivision (3);

13           (5) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
14 on any ground, an indication of each election for which the  
15 applicant is applying for a ballot;

16           (6) an indication of the ground of eligibility for  
17 early voting; and

18           (7) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
19 on the ground of involuntary civil commitment, the address of the  
20 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Civil  
21 Commitment Office or of a person related to the applicant within the  
22 degree of consanguinity described by Subdivision (3).

23           (b-1) A person may use the number of a driver's license,  
24 election identity certification card [~~identification certificate~~],  
25 or personal identification card that has expired for the purpose of  
26 fulfilling the requirement under Subsection (a)(1-a) if the license  
27 or identification is otherwise valid.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.