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H.B. No. 3736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the secretary of state on the accuracy of the information contained in the statewide voter information database.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 18, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 18.070 to read as follows:

Sec. 18.070. STUDY ON ACCURACY OF VOTER INFORMATION DATABASE. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a study regarding the accuracy of the statewide computerized voter registration list and any related database.

(b) The study conducted under Subsection (a) must include:

(1) an examination of the processes by which each:

(A) voter registrar provides voter registration information to the secretary of state under Section 18.061; and

(B) general custodian of election records provides voter participation information to the secretary of state under Section 18.069;

(2) a comparison of the voter information contained in the voter information database maintained by the secretary of state to the voter information contained in the database maintained by each county; and

(3) any other recommendations for legislative or other action to ensure that the statewide voter information contained in the database maintained by the secretary is synchronized with the

1 information contained in the databases maintained by each county.

2 (c) Not later than September 1, 2024, the secretary of state
3 shall prepare and submit a report on the study's findings to the
4 standing committees of each house of the legislature that have
5 jurisdiction over elections.

6 (d) This section expires September 1, 2025.

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