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H.B. No. 4329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the residence address of an applicant for purposes of voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.001, Election Code, is amended by adding subsection (d) as follows:

Sec. 13.001. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION. (a) To be eligible for registration as a voter in this state, a person must:

(1) be 18 years of age or older;

(2) be a United States citizen;

(3) not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

(A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

(B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

(4) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must have:

(A) fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or

(B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and

(5) be a resident of the county in which application for registration is made.

1 (b) To be eligible to apply for registration, a person must,
2 on the date the registration application is submitted to the
3 registrar, be at least 17 years and 10 months of age and satisfy the
4 requirements of Subsection (a) except for age.

5 (c) For purposes of Subsection (a)(4), a person is not
6 considered to have been finally convicted of an offense for which
7 the criminal proceedings are deferred without an adjudication of
8 guilt.

9 (d) To be eligible to apply for registration at a residence,
10 the person must habitually sleep at that residence. A person whose
11 residence has an address is only eligible to register at that
12 address and is not eligible to register at any other place.

13 SECTION 2. Section 13.002(c), Election Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (c) A registration application must include:

16 (1) the applicant's first name, middle name, if any,
17 last name, and former name, if any;

18 (2) the month, day, and year of the applicant's birth;

19 (3) a statement that the applicant is a United States
20 citizen;

21 (4) a statement that the applicant is a resident of the
22 county;

23 (5) a statement that the applicant has not been
24 determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate
25 jurisdiction to be:

26 (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

27 (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the

1 right to vote;

2 (6) a statement that the applicant has not been
3 finally convicted of a felony or that the applicant is a felon
4 eligible for registration under Section 13.001;

5 (7) the applicant's residence address under Section
6 13.001(d) or, if the residence has no address: ~~[7]~~

7 (A) the address at which the applicant receives
8 mail;

9 (B) ~~and~~ a concise description of the location
10 of the applicant's residence; and

11 (C) a statement that the applicant's residence
12 has no address;

13 (8) the following information:

14 (A) the applicant's Texas driver's license number
15 or the number of a personal identification card issued by the
16 Department of Public Safety;

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

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

23 (9) if the application is made by an agent, a statement
24 of the agent's relationship to the applicant; and

25 (10) the city and county in which the applicant
26 formerly resided.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.