

AN ACT

relating to the interstate voter registration crosscheck program.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Alan Vera Memorial Act.

SECTION 2. Section 18.062, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18.062. INTERSTATE VOTER REGISTRATION CROSSCHECK PROGRAM. (a) To maintain the statewide voter registration list and to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall:

(1) cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history, and voter registration lists to identify voters:

(A) whose addresses have changed;

(B) who are not qualified under Section 11.002(a)(4); or

(C) who are registered to vote in more than one state; or

(2) identify and contract with the provider of a private sector data system to identify voters:

(A) whose addresses have changed;

(B) who are registered to vote in more than one state;

1 (C) who are deceased; or

2 (D) who are not qualified under Section
3 11.002(a)(4).

4 (a-1) A private sector data system under Subsection (a)(2)
5 must have demonstrated an ability to work with registered voter
6 identification and matching systems.

7 (b) A system developed under this section and any vendor
8 involved with the system must comply with:

9 (1) the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
10 U.S.C. Section 20501 et seq.) and the Help America Vote Act of 2002
11 (52 U.S.C. Section 20901 et seq.); and

12 (2) all state and federal laws relating to the
13 protection of personal information.

14 (c) The cost to begin operations with a system under
15 Subsection (a)(2) may not exceed \$100,000.

16 (d) The cost of continuing operations with a system under
17 Subsection (a)(2) may not exceed one dollar for each voter
18 identified under Subsection (a)(2).

19 (e) The secretary of state may not provide to a system under
20 Subsection (a)(2) any information that is not:

21 (1) found in a voter roll; and

22 (2) necessary to identify voters under Subsection
23 (a)(2).

24 (f) The secretary of state shall record information related
25 to the system under Subsection (a)(2) and shall submit to the
26 legislature a report on that information not later than the first
27 day of each quarter of the state's fiscal year.

1 (g) A contract with a system under Subsection (a)(2) may not
2 require any additional duty of the state not required by this
3 section.

4 (h) The secretary of state may not contract with a private
5 sector data system under Subsection (a)(2) unless the system:

6 (1) requires a background check for each employee of a
7 potential vendor for the system; and

8 (2) uses data from the National Change of Address
9 database.

10 (i) In addition to using a system described by Subsection
11 (a), the secretary of state shall use data from the National Change
12 of Address database to identify voters whose addresses have changed
13 for the purpose of preventing duplication of registration in more
14 than one state or jurisdiction.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1070 passed the Senate on April 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 12; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1070 passed the House, with amendments, on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 85, Nays 61, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor