

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1938
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 20, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 4, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2; April 4, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1938 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the failure of a voter registrar to comply with voter
 1-24 registration laws.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 16.039, Election Code, is transferred to
 1-27 Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Election Code, redesignated as Section
 1-28 12.007, Election Code, and amended to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 12.007 [~~16.039~~]. FAILURE BY REGISTRAR TO TIMELY
 1-30 PERFORM DUTY. (a) The secretary of state may withhold funds
 1-31 administered and distributed by the secretary under Chapter 19 or
 1-32 Section 31.009 from a registrar if the [~~if a~~] registrar fails to
 1-33 timely perform a duty imposed on the registrar under this code
 1-34 [~~subchapter~~] requiring:

1-35 (1) the approval, change, or cancellation of a voter's
 1-36 registration;

1-37 (2) the scheduling of a hearing under Section 16.064
 1-38 or 16.093;

1-39 (3) the determination of a challenge under Section
 1-40 16.066 or 16.095; or

1-41 (4) the delivery of notice under Section 16.0921[~~, the~~
 1-42 ~~secretary of state may withhold funds administered and distributed~~
 1-43 ~~by the secretary under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 from the~~
 1-44 ~~registrar].~~

1-45 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the secretary of state
 1-46 shall distribute funds under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 if the
 1-47 registrar performs the registrar's duty not later than 30 days
 1-48 after the funds are withheld.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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