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H.B. No. 5034

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements for voting.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.002(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A registration application must include:

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

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

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

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

(5) a statement that the applicant has not 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;

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

(7) the applicant's residence address or, if the residence has no address, the address at which the applicant

1 receives mail and a concise description of the location of the  
2 applicant's residence;

3 (8) the following information:

4 (A) the applicant's Texas driver's license number  
5 or the number of a personal identification card issued by the  
6 Department of Public Safety;

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

10 (C) if the applicant has not been issued a number  
11 described by Paragraph (A) or (B), a document listed under Section  
12 63.0101(a) that confirms the applicant's citizenship status [~~a~~  
13 ~~statement by the applicant that the applicant has not been issued a~~  
14 ~~number described by Paragraph (A) or (B)];~~

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

17 (10) the city and county in which the applicant  
18 formerly resided.

19 SECTION 2. Section 13.122(a), Election Code, is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (a) In addition to the other statements and spaces for  
22 entering information that appear on an officially prescribed  
23 registration application form, each official form must include:

24 (1) the statement: "I understand that giving false  
25 information to procure a voter registration is perjury and a crime  
26 under state and federal law.";

27 (2) a space for the applicant's registration number;

1           (3) a space for the applicant's Texas driver's license  
2 number or number of a personal identification card issued by the  
3 Department of Public Safety;

4           (4) a space for the applicant's telephone number;

5           (5) a space for the applicant's social security  
6 number;

7           (6) a space for the applicant's sex;

8           (7) a statement indicating that the furnishing of the  
9 applicant's telephone number and sex is optional;

10          (8) a space or box for indicating whether the  
11 applicant or voter is submitting new registration information or a  
12 change in current registration information;

13          (9) a statement instructing a voter who is using the  
14 form to make a change in current registration information to enter  
15 the voter's name and the changed information in the appropriate  
16 spaces on the form;

17          (10) a statement that if the applicant declines to  
18 register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be  
19 used only for voter registration purposes;

20          (11) a statement that if the applicant does register  
21 to vote, information regarding the agency or office to which the  
22 application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used  
23 only for voter registration purposes;

24          (12) a space or box for indicating whether the  
25 applicant is interested in working as an election judge;

26          (13) a statement listing the documents confirming  
27 citizenship status an applicant must include if the applicant does

1 not have a Texas driver's license number or personal identification  
2 card number issued by the Department of Public Safety, or a social  
3 security number;

4 (14) a statement warning that a conviction for making  
5 a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to the maximum  
6 amount of time provided by law, a fine of up to the maximum amount  
7 provided by law, or both the imprisonment and the fine; and

8 (15) [~~(14)~~] any other voter registration information  
9 required by federal law or considered appropriate and required by  
10 the secretary of state.

11 SECTION 3. Section 63.0101(a), Election Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (a) The following documentation is an acceptable form of  
14 photo identification under this chapter:

15 (1) one of the following forms of identification  
16 issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not  
17 expired or that expired no earlier than one year before the date of  
18 presentation:

19 (A) a driver's license, not including a driver's  
20 license subject to Section 521.271(a-2), (a-3), or (a-4) or  
21 521.2711(c), Transportation Code;

22 (B) an election identification certificate;~~[7]~~  
23 or

24 (C) a personal identification card [~~issued to the~~  
25 ~~person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or~~  
26 ~~that expired no earlier than four years before the date of~~  
27 ~~presentation~~];

1           (2) a United States military identification card that  
2 contains the person's photograph that has not expired or that  
3 expired no earlier than four years before the date of presentation;

4           (3) a United States citizenship certificate issued to  
5 the person that contains the person's photograph;

6           (4) a United States passport book or card issued to the  
7 person that has not expired or that expired no earlier than four  
8 years before the date of presentation; or

9           (5) a license to carry a handgun issued to the person  
10 by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that  
11 expired no earlier than four years before the date of presentation.

12         SECTION 4. Section 114.004, Election Code, is amended by  
13 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

14         (d) The federal postcard application must include:

15                 (1) a photocopy of the applicant's unexpired, valid  
16 United States passport or current, unexpired military  
17 identification card;

18                 (2) a photocopy of a lease, bank statement, utility  
19 bill, or other document that shows the name and foreign address of  
20 the applicant; and

21                 (3) a signed affidavit that each of the statements in  
22 the application are correct and true.

23         SECTION 5. Section 114.007, Election Code, is amended by  
24 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to  
25 read as follows:

26         (a) The balloting materials provided under this chapter  
27 must:

1           (1) ~~[shall]~~ be airmailed to the voter free of United  
2 States postage, as provided by the federal Uniformed and Overseas  
3 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 ~~[42]~~ U.S.C. Section 20301 ~~[1973ff]~~  
4 et seq.), in an envelope labeled "Official Election Balloting  
5 Material--via Airmail~~[+]~~"; or

6           (2) be provided via electronic transmission of an  
7 image of the application under procedures prescribed by the  
8 secretary of state.

9           (a-1) The secretary of state shall provide early voting  
10 clerks with instructions on compliance with this section  
11 ~~[subsection]~~.

12           (c) A ballot voted under this chapter may be returned to the  
13 early voting clerk by mail, common or contract carrier, or courier  
14 and must include the material required under Section [114.004](#)(d).

15           SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.