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H.B. No. 1239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring proof of citizenship at the time a person
3 registers to vote.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) A registration application must include:

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

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

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

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

16 (5) a statement that the applicant has not been
17 determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;

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

21 (7) the applicant's residence address or, if the
22 residence has no address, the address at which the applicant
23 receives mail and a concise description of the location of the
24 applicant's residence;

1 (8) if the application is made by an agent, a statement
2 of the agent's relationship to the applicant; ~~and~~

3 (9) the city and county in which the applicant
4 formerly resided; and

5 (10) an attached document providing proof that the
6 applicant is a United States citizen.

7 (e) The secretary of state shall prescribe the procedures
8 necessary for the implementation of Subsection (c)(10).

9 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 1 of this Act
10 applies only to an application for voter registration that is
11 submitted on or after the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.