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H.B. No. 1862

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the voter registration of certain persons disqualified
3 from jury service.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 62.0142 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 62.0142. NOTICE ON WRITTEN SUMMONS. If a written
8 summons for jury duty allows a person to claim a disqualification or
9 exemption by signing a statement and returning it to the clerk of
10 the court, the form must notify the person that by claiming a
11 disqualification or exemption based on the lack of citizenship or
12 lack of residence in the county the person might no longer be
13 eligible to vote in the county.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 62, Government Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 62.114 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 62.114. COMPILATION OF LIST OF NONRESIDENTS. (a) The
17 clerk of the court shall maintain a list containing the name and
18 address of each person who is excused or disqualified under this
19 subchapter from jury service because the person is not a resident of
20 the county.

21 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
22 send to the voter registrar of the county a copy of the list of
23 persons excused or disqualified in the previous month because the
24 persons do not reside in the county.

1 (c) A list compiled under this section may not be used for a
2 purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section
3 15.081, Election Code.

4 SECTION 3. Section 15.081(a), Election Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (a) The registrar shall maintain a suspense list containing
7 the name of each voter:

8 (1) who fails to submit a response to the registrar in
9 accordance with Section 15.053;

10 (2) [~~or~~] whose renewal certificate is returned to the
11 registrar in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 14; or

12 (3) who appears on the list of nonresidents of the
13 county provided to the registrar under Section 62.114, Government
14 Code.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.