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H.B. No. 1268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the information included on a voter registration application.

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 mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;

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

(8) the following information:

1 (A) the applicant's Texas driver's license number
2 or the number of a personal identification card issued by the
3 Department of Public Safety or a statement by the applicant that the
4 applicant has not been issued a driver's license or personal
5 identification card; or

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

9 [~~(C)~~] a statement by the applicant that the
10 applicant has not been issued a social security number [~~described~~
11 ~~by Paragraph (A) or (B)~~];

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

14 (10) the city and county in which the applicant
15 formerly resided.

16 SECTION 2. Section 13.004(c), Election Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (c) A social security number, Texas driver's license
19 number, [~~or~~] number of a personal identification card issued by the
20 Department of Public Safety, or an indication that an applicant is
21 interested in working as an election judge furnished on a
22 registration application is confidential and does not constitute
23 public information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code.
24 The registrar shall ensure that a social security number, Texas
25 driver's license number, [~~or~~] number of a personal identification
26 card issued by the Department of Public Safety, or an indication
27 that an applicant is interested in working as an election judge is

1 excluded from disclosure.

2 SECTION 3. Section 13.122(a), Election Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (8) a space or box for indicating whether the
21 applicant or voter is submitting new registration information or a
22 change in current registration information;

23 (9) a statement instructing a voter who is using the
24 form to make a change in current registration information to enter
25 the voter's name and the changed information in the appropriate
26 spaces on the form;

27 (10) a statement that if the applicant declines to

1 register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be
2 used only for voter registration purposes;

3 (11) a statement that if the applicant does register
4 to vote, information regarding the agency or office to which the
5 application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used
6 only for voter registration purposes; ~~and~~

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

9 (13) a statement warning that a conviction for making
10 a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to the maximum
11 amount of time provided by law, a fine of up to the maximum amount
12 provided by law, or both the imprisonment and the fine; and

13 (14) any other voter registration information
14 required by federal law or considered appropriate and required by
15 the secretary of state.

16 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to an application for voter registration that is submitted on or
18 after the effective date of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.