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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
2 number 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;

6 (9) ~~[(B) if the applicant has not been issued a number~~
7 ~~described by Paragraph (A),]~~ the last four digits of the
8 applicant's 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 (10) ~~[(9)]~~ if the application is made by an agent, a
13 statement of the agent's relationship to the applicant;

14 (11) the city, state, and country of the applicant's
15 birth; and

16 (12) ~~[(10)]~~ the city and county in which the applicant
17 formerly resided.

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

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

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

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

27 (3) a space for the applicant's Texas driver's license

1 number or number of a personal identification card issued by the
2 Department of Public Safety;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (13) a statement warning that a conviction for making
26 a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to 180 days, a
27 fine of up to \$2,000, or both the imprisonment and the fine; and

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

4 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to an application for voter registration that is submitted on or
6 after the effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.