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H.B. No. 1269

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the manner in which a voter may make a change in the  
3 voter's registration information.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 15.001(a), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) Each voter registration certificate issued must  
8 contain:

9 (1) the voter's name in the form indicated by the  
10 voter, subject to applicable requirements prescribed by Section  
11 13.002 and by rule of the secretary of state;

12 (2) the voter's residence address or, if the residence  
13 has no address, the address at which the voter receives mail and a  
14 concise description of the location of the voter's residence;

15 (3) the month, day, and year of the voter's birth;

16 (4) the number of the county election precinct in  
17 which the voter resides;

18 (5) the voter's effective date of registration if an  
19 initial certificate;

20 (6) the voter's registration number;

21 (7) an indication of the period for which the  
22 certificate is issued;

23 (8) a statement explaining the circumstances under  
24 which the voter will receive a new certificate;

1           (9) a space for stamping the voter's political party  
2 affiliation;

3           (10) a statement that voting with the certificate by a  
4 person other than the person in whose name the certificate is issued  
5 is a felony;

6           (11) a space for the voter's signature;

7           (12) a statement that the voter must sign the  
8 certificate personally, if able to sign, immediately on receipt;

9           (13) ~~[a space for the voter to correct the information  
10 on the certificate followed by a signature line;~~

11           ~~[(14)]~~ the statement: "If any information on this  
12 certificate changes or is incorrect, you must submit a new voter  
13 registration application with the correct [the] information [in the  
14 space provided, sign below, and return this certificate] to the  
15 voter registrar."; and

16           (14) ~~[(15)]~~ the registrar's mailing address and  
17 telephone number.

18           SECTION 2. Section 15.021(b), Election Code, is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20           (b) The voter shall use ~~[the registration certificate or]~~ a  
21 registration application form as the notice, indicating the correct  
22 information in the appropriate space on the ~~[certificate or]~~  
23 application form unless the voter does not have possession of ~~[the~~  
24 ~~certificate or]~~ an application form at the time of giving the  
25 notice.

26           SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

27           (b) The change in law made by this Act does not affect the

1 validity of a change or correction made by a voter in the voter's  
2 registration information by submitting a current voter  
3 registration certificate indicating the changes or corrections to  
4 the voter registrar, if the voter registration certificate includes  
5 a space for the voter to correct the information as provided by  
6 Section 15.001, Election Code, as that section existed before the  
7 effective date of this Act, and the former law relating to changing  
8 or correcting the information in that manner is continued in effect  
9 for that purpose.