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H.B. No. 626

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 626:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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relating to the procedures for registering to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (e) 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 a statement by the applicant that the
9 applicant has not been issued a social security number;

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

12 (10) the city and county in which the applicant
13 formerly resided; and

14 (11) a certified copy of a document providing proof
15 that the applicant is a United States citizen.

16 (e) The following documentation is acceptable as proof of
17 citizenship under Subsection (c)(11):

18 (1) a birth certificate or other document confirming
19 birth that is admissible in a court of law;

20 (2) United States citizenship papers issued to the
21 applicant; or

22 (3) an unexpired United States passport issued to the
23 applicant.

24 SECTION 2. Section 13.121(a), Election Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (a) The officially prescribed application form for
27 registration by mail must be in the form of ~~a~~ business reply mail

1 [~~postcard~~], unless another form or system is used under Subsection
2 (b), with postage paid by the state. The secretary of state shall
3 design the form to enhance the legibility of its contents.

4 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
5 13.002, Election Code, applies only to an application for voter
6 registration that is submitted on or after the effective date of
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.