

AN ACT

relating to the delivery of voter registration certificates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.144(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar receives the application, the ~~The~~ registrar shall deliver the original of an initial certificate:

(1) in person to the applicant or the applicant's agent appointed under Section 13.003; or

(2) by mail to the applicant.

SECTION 2. Section 15.004(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar receives ~~On receipt of~~ the notice, the registrar shall deliver to the voter a replacement certificate containing:

(1) the registration number and other information on the lost or destroyed certificate; and

(2) a notation that the certificate is a replacement.

SECTION 3. Section 15.024(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), after correcting the registration records with respect to a voter, if necessary, the registrar shall ~~promptly~~ issue the voter a registration

1 certificate containing the appropriate corrections and deliver it
2 to the voter not later than the 30th day after the date the
3 registrar receives notice of a correction.

4 SECTION 4. Section 13.144(c), Election Code, is repealed.

5 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
6 to a voter registration certificate for which an application,
7 notice of loss or destruction, or notice of a correction is received
8 by the voter registrar on or after September 1, 2007.

9 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1044 was passed by the House on April 5, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1044 on May 16, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1044 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1044

I certify that H.B. No. 1044 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1044 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor