

1-1 By: Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 1044
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2007;
1-3 April 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 8, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the delivery of voter registration certificates.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 13.144(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-11 read as follows:

1-12 (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar
1-13 receives the application, the [The] registrar shall deliver the
1-14 original of an initial certificate:

1-15 (1) in person to the applicant or the applicant's agent
1-16 appointed under Section 13.003; or

1-17 (2) by mail to the applicant.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 15.004(b), Election Code, is amended to
1-19 read as follows:

1-20 (b) Not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar
1-21 receives [On receipt of] the notice, the registrar shall deliver to
1-22 the voter a replacement certificate containing:

1-23 (1) the registration number and other information on
1-24 the lost or destroyed certificate; and

1-25 (2) a notation that the certificate is a replacement.

1-26 SECTION 3. Section 15.024(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-27 read as follows:

1-28 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), after correcting
1-29 the registration records with respect to a voter, if necessary, the
1-30 registrar shall [~~promptly~~] issue the voter a registration
1-31 certificate containing the appropriate corrections and deliver it
1-32 to the voter not later than the 30th day after the date the
1-33 registrar receives notice of a correction.

1-34 SECTION 4. Section 13.144(c), Election Code, is repealed.

1-35 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-36 to a voter registration certificate for which an application,
1-37 notice of loss or destruction, or notice of a correction is received
1-38 by the voter registrar on or after September 1, 2007.

1-39 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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