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S.B. No. 932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the required contents of a voter registration certificate.

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

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

(a) Each voter registration certificate issued must contain:

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

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

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

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

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

(6) the voter's registration number;

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

(8) a statement explaining the circumstances under 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, correct the information in the  
13 space provided, sign below, and return this certificate to the  
14 voter registrar."; ~~and~~

15           (15) the registrar's mailing address and telephone  
16 number; and

17           (16) the jurisdictional or distinguishing number for  
18 the following territorial units in which the voter resides, as  
19 determined by the voter registrar:

20                   (A) congressional district;

21                   (B) state senatorial district;

22                   (C) state representative district;

23                   (D) commissioners precinct;

24                   (E) justice precinct;

25                   (F) city election precinct; and

26                   (G) school district election precinct.

27           SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 15.002, Election Code,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 (c) In addition to the territorial units required to be  
3 listed on a [A] voter registration certificate under Section  
4 15.001(a)(16), a certificate may contain up to seven [a]  
5 jurisdictional or distinguishing numbers [number] for any other  
6 territorial units [unit] in which the voter resides~~[, including a~~  
7 ~~congressional district, state senatorial district, state~~  
8 ~~representative district, commissioners precinct, justice precinct,~~  
9 ~~city election precinct, or school district election precinct].~~

10 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
11 a voter registration certificate issued for a period beginning on  
12 or after January 1, 2008.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.