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H.B. No. 1780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of a driver's license or identification card  
3 issued by the Department of Public Safety in voter registration.

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

5 ARTICLE 1. VOTER REGISTRAR, APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION; INITIAL  
6 REGISTRATION, AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

7 SECTION 1.01. REPEALER. Section 12.002. Subchapter B,  
8 Chapter 12, Election Code is repealed.

9 SECTION 1.02. Section 12.004. Subchapter B, Chapter 12,  
10 Election Code is amended to read as follows: Sec. 12.004. OFFICE  
11 HOURS. [~~(a) The registrar shall conduct voter registration  
12 activities at all times during regular office hours.~~]

13 [~~(b) The registrar may keep the office open for voter  
14 registration activities at times other than regular office hours.  
15 The registrar shall post notice of the irregular days and hours the  
16 office will be open. The notice must remain posted continuously at  
17 each entrance to the registrar's office for the period beginning  
18 not later than the third day before the day the office is to be open  
19 during irregular hours and ending after the last time specified in  
20 the notice for the office to be open.~~]

21 (a) [~~(e)~~] The registrar's office shall remain open [~~for  
22 voter registration activities~~] during the hours the polls are  
23 required to be open for voting on the date of any general or primary  
24 election in which a statewide office appears on the ballot or any

1 other election held in the county on a uniform election date.

2 (b) [~~(d)~~] If early voting by personal appearance is  
3 required to be conducted for extended hours under Section 85.005(c)  
4 or for weekend hours under Section 85.006(e), the registrar's  
5 office shall remain open for providing voter registration  
6 information during the extended hours or weekend hours that the  
7 main early voting polling place is open for voting.

8 SECTION 1.03. REPEALER. Section 12.005, Election Code is  
9 repealed.

10 SECTION 1.04. REPEALER. Section 12.006, Election Code is  
11 repealed.

12 SECTION 1.05. Section 13.001(b), Election Code, is amended  
13 to read as follows: (b) To be eligible to apply for registration, a  
14 person must, on the date the registration application is submitted  
15 to the secretary of state [~~registrar~~], be at least 17 years and 10  
16 months of age and satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) except  
17 for age.

18 SECTION 1.06. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended to  
19 read as follows: Sec. 13.002. OPTIONAL APPLICATION [~~REQUIRED~~].

20 SECTION 1.07. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by  
21 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g) to read as  
22 follows: (a) A person desiring to register to vote [~~must~~] may submit  
23 an application to the secretary of state [~~registrar of the county in~~  
24 ~~which the person resides~~]. Except as provided by Subsection (e), an  
25 application must be submitted by personal delivery or by mail.

26 (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from  
27 becoming registered to vote as provided by Section 13.008.

1 SECTION 1.08. Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended by  
2 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) A federal judge or state judge who is automatically  
4 registered to vote under Section 13.008 and seeks to have a  
5 residence address omitted from the registration list shall submit  
6 an affidavit to the secretary of state stating that the individual  
7 is a federal judge or state judge.

8 SECTION 1.09. Section 13.004, Election Code, is amended by  
9 to read as follows: Sec. 13.004. RECORDING AND DISCLOSURE OF  
10 TELEPHONE, SOCIAL SECURITY, DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR PERSONAL  
11 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER [~~BY REGISTRAR~~]. (a) The secretary of state  
12 [~~registrar~~] may not transcribe, copy, or otherwise record a  
13 telephone number furnished on a registration application.

14 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may transcribe,  
15 copy, or otherwise record a social security number furnished on a  
16 registration application only in maintaining the accuracy of the  
17 registration records.

18 SECTION 1.10. Sec. 13.004. RECORDING AND DISCLOSURE OF  
19 CERTAIN INFORMATION [~~BY REGISTRAR~~]. (a) The secretary of state  
20 [~~registrar~~] may not transcribe, copy, or otherwise record a  
21 telephone number furnished on a registration application.

22 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may transcribe,  
23 copy, or otherwise record a social security number furnished on a  
24 registration application only in maintaining the accuracy of the  
25 registration records.

26 (c) The following information furnished on a registration  
27 application is confidential and does not constitute public

1 information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:

2 (1) a social security number;

3 (2) a Texas driver's license number;

4 (3) a number of a personal identification card issued  
5 by the Department of Public Safety;

6 (4) an indication that an applicant is interested in  
7 working as an election judge; or

8 (5) the residence address of the applicant, if the  
9 applicant is a federal judge or state judge, as defined by Section  
10 13.0021, and included an affidavit with the registration  
11 application under Section 13.0021 or the secretary of state  
12 [~~registrar~~] has received an affidavit submitted under Section  
13 15.0215.

14 (c-1) The secretary of state and the registrar shall ensure  
15 that the information listed in Subsection (c) is excluded from  
16 disclosure.

17 (d) The secretary of state, voter registrar or other county  
18 official who has access to the information furnished on a  
19 registration application may not post the following information on  
20 a website:

21 (1) a telephone number;

22 (2) a social security number;

23 (3) a driver's license number or a number of a personal  
24 identification card;

25 (4) a date of birth; or

26 (5) the residence address of a voter who is a federal  
27 judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, if the voter

1 included an affidavit with the application under Section 13.0021 or  
2 the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] has received an affidavit  
3 submitted under Section 15.0215.

4 SECTION 1.11. Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by  
5 adding Section 13.008 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 13.008. VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) The secretary of state shall automatically  
8 register any individual who is eligible to vote as provided by  
9 Section 13.001, and:

10 (1) is issued a Texas driver's license or a personal  
11 identification card by the Department of Public Safety; or

12 (2) makes a change to a Texas driver's license or  
13 personal identification card issued by the Department of Public  
14 Safety.

15 (b) A driver's license or personal identification card  
16 transaction with an indication provided by Section 20.062(b) or (c)  
17 that the transaction is not for voter registration purposes shall  
18 not be subject to this section.

19 SECTION 1.12. Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by  
20 adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 13.009. PAPER APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION. The  
22 secretary of state shall post on its Internet website voter  
23 registration application forms in English and in any language other  
24 than English if a political subdivision in the state has over 5  
25 percent of the total voting age citizens who are members of a single  
26 minority language group.

27 SECTION 1.13. REPEALER. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Election

1 Code is repealed.

2 SECTION 1.14. Section 13.071, Election Code is amended to  
3 read as follows: Sec. 13.071. REVIEW OF APPLICATION. (a) The  
4 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall review each submitted  
5 application for registration to determine whether it complies with  
6 Section 13.002 and indicates that the applicant is eligible for  
7 registration.

8 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall make the  
9 determination not later than the seventh day after the date the  
10 application is submitted to the secretary of state [~~registrar~~].

11 SECTION 1.15. Section 13.072, Election Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows: (a) [~~Unless the registrar challenges the~~  
13 ~~applicant, the~~] The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall approve  
14 the application if:

15 (1) the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] determines that  
16 an application complies with Section 13.002 and indicates that the  
17 applicant is eligible for registration; and

18 (2) for an applicant who has not included a statement  
19 described by Section 13.002(c)(8)(C) or for an applicant who does  
20 not register through Section 13.008, [the registrar verifies with]  
21 the secretary of state verifies:

22 (A) the applicant's Texas driver's license number  
23 or number of a personal identification card issued by the  
24 Department of Public Safety; or

25 (B) the last four digits of the applicant's  
26 social security number.

27 (b) After approval of an application by an applicant who was

1 registered in another county at the time of application, the  
2 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall update the statewide voter  
3 registration list to reflect the applicant's change in county of  
4 residence [~~deliver written notice of the applicant's change of~~  
5 ~~residence to the other county's registrar and include in the notice~~  
6 ~~the applicant's name, former residence address, and former~~  
7 ~~registration number, if known.~~]

8 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), if the secretary  
9 of state [~~registrar~~] determines that an application does not comply  
10 with Section 13.002 or does not indicate that the applicant is  
11 eligible for registration, the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall  
12 reject the application.

13 [~~(d) If an application clearly indicates that the applicant~~  
14 ~~resides in another county, the registrar shall forward the~~  
15 ~~application to the other county's registrar not later than the~~  
16 ~~second day after the date the application is received and, if the~~  
17 ~~other county is not contiguous, shall deliver written notice of~~  
18 ~~that action to the applicant not later than the seventh day after~~  
19 ~~the date the application is received. The date of submission of a~~  
20 ~~completed application to the wrong registrar is considered to be~~  
21 ~~the date of submission to the proper registrar for purposes of~~  
22 ~~determining the effective date of the registration.~~]

23 (e) Repealed by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1316, Sec. 44,  
24 eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

25 SECTION 1.16. Subchapter C, Chapter 13, Election Code, is  
26 amended by adding Section 13.0725 to read as follows: Sec 13.0725.  
27 PROCESS FOR VERIFICATION OF AN APPLICANT'S TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE

1 NUMBER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUED PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION  
2 NUMBER AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. (a) The secretary of state shall  
3 adopt rules establishing standards for the verification of  
4 information on a voter registration application submitted under  
5 Section 13.072(a)(2)(A). The rules shall provide a process by  
6 which the Texas driver's license number or Department of Public  
7 Safety issued personal identification card number is deemed  
8 verified if a reasonable person would conclude that the Texas  
9 driver's license number or Department of Public Safety issued  
10 personal identification card number submitted is the correct number  
11 for that applicant.

12 (b) The secretary of state shall review, if available, the  
13 name and date of birth maintained by the Department of Public Safety  
14 or other agency used in the verification process for a submitted  
15 application that corresponds to the Texas driver's license number,  
16 Department of Public Safety issued personal identification card  
17 number, or social security number submitted by the applicant:

18 (1) the secretary of state cannot verify the accuracy  
19 of an applicant's Texas driver's license number, Department of  
20 Public Safety issued personal identification card number, or social  
21 security number as submitted by the applicant; or

22 (2) the secretary of state verifies the accuracy of  
23 the number provided, but it is not a perfect match with the personal  
24 information provided by the applicant.

25 (c) If the secretary of state determines that a governmental  
26 clerical error was made in processing or submitting the  
27 application, the secretary of state shall correct the record and



1 submit the corrected record for verification under Section  
2 13.072(a)(2) if an application was not initially accepted due to  
3 failure to verify.

4 SECTION 1.17. Section 13.073, Election Code is amended to  
5 read as follows: Sec. 13.073. NOTICE OF REJECTION. (a) Except as  
6 provided by Subsection (b), the secretary of state [~~registrar~~]  
7 shall deliver written notice of the reason for the rejection of an  
8 application to the applicant not later than the second day after the  
9 date of rejection. If an application is rejected for failure to  
10 verify under Section 13.072, the notice shall indicate whether the  
11 last name, date of birth, Texas driver's license number, Department  
12 of Public Safety issued personal identification card number, or  
13 social security number was the reason for the failure to verify, if  
14 that information is provided by the secretary of state.

15 (b) If the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] rejects an  
16 application in the applicant's presence, at that time the secretary  
17 of state [~~registrar~~] shall orally inform the applicant of the  
18 reason for the rejection. If the rejection is for incompleteness,  
19 the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall return the application to  
20 the applicant for completion and resubmission.

21 (c) If the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] rejects an  
22 application for incompleteness but receives a completed  
23 application not later than the 10th day after the date the notice is  
24 delivered under Subsection (a) or the date the incomplete  
25 application is returned under Subsection (b), as applicable, the  
26 original date of submission of the incomplete application is  
27 considered to be the date of submission to the secretary of state

1 ~~[registrar]~~ for the purpose of determining the effective date of  
2 registration.

3 SECTION 1.18. Section 13.074 (a) and (b), Election Code is  
4 amended to read as follows: (a) If after the secretary of state  
5 determines ~~[determining]~~ that an application complies with Section  
6 13.002 and indicates that the applicant is eligible for  
7 registration, the registrar has reason to believe the applicant is  
8 not eligible for registration or the application was submitted in  
9 an unauthorized manner, the registrar shall challenge the  
10 applicant.

11 (b) The registrar shall indicate on the statewide  
12 computerized voter registration list ~~[on the application of a~~  
13 ~~challenged applicant]~~ that the applicant's eligibility or the  
14 manner of submission of the application has been challenged and the  
15 date of the challenge.

16 SECTION 1.19. Section 13.080, Election Code is amended to  
17 read as follows: Sec. 13.080. RECORDING REJECTION. On rejection of  
18 an applicant's registration application, the secretary of state  
19 ~~[registrar]~~ shall enter the date of and reason for the rejection on  
20 the application.

21 SECTION 1.20. Section 13.101, Election Code is amended to  
22 read as follows: Sec. 13.101. ACTIVE APPLICATION FILE. (a) The  
23 secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~ shall maintain a file containing the  
24 approved registration applications of the registered voters of the  
25 state ~~[county]~~.

26 (b) The secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~ shall maintain the  
27 file in alphabetical order by voter name on a county by county

1 ~~[countywide]~~ basis. However, the secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~  
2 may maintain the file in numerical order by registration number if  
3 the secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~ regularly maintains a list of  
4 registered voters in alphabetical order by voter name on a county by  
5 county ~~[countywide]~~ basis.

6 (c) Each application shall be retained on file during the  
7 time the registration is effective.

8 SECTION 1.21. Section 13.102, Election Code is amended to  
9 read as follows: Sec. 13.102. INACTIVE APPLICATION FILE. (a) The  
10 secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~ shall maintain a file containing the  
11 rejected applications of applicants for registration.

12 (b) The secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~ shall maintain a  
13 file, separate from the file maintained under Subsection (a),  
14 containing the applications of the voters whose registrations have  
15 been canceled.

16 (c) The secretary of state ~~[registrar]~~ shall maintain each  
17 file in alphabetical order by applicant or voter name on a county by  
18 county ~~[countywide]~~ basis.

19 (d) Each application shall be retained on file for two years  
20 after the date of rejection or cancellation.

21 SECTION 1.22. Section 13.103, Election Code is amended to  
22 read as follows: Sec. 13.103. PLACE FOR KEEPING FILES; SECURITY.

23 (a) The registration application files maintained under this  
24 subchapter shall be kept in the secretary of state's ~~[registrar's]~~  
25 office at all times in a place and manner ensuring their security.

26 (b) Applications may be removed from the secretary of  
27 state's ~~[registrar]~~ office temporarily, in a manner ensuring their

1 security, for use in preparing registration certificates, lists of  
2 registered voters, and other registration documents by electronic  
3 data-processing methods.

4 SECTION 1.23. Section 13.104, Election Code is amended to  
5 read as follows: Sec. 13.104. OPTIONAL STORAGE METHOD. (a) Instead  
6 of keeping the original registration applications and supporting  
7 documentation as required by this title, the secretary of state  
8 [~~registrar~~] may record the applications and documentation on an  
9 optical disk or other computer storage medium [~~approved by the~~  
10 ~~secretary of state~~].

11 (b) The storage medium must allow for the creation of a copy  
12 of an application or supporting documentation.

13 (c) The secretary of state shall prescribe any procedures  
14 necessary to implement this section.

15 SECTION 1.24. Section 13.142(a), Election Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows: (a) After notification of registration of a  
17 voter by the secretary of state, as required by Section 13.008, or  
18 approval of a registration application by the secretary of state,  
19 the registrar shall:

20 (1) prepare a voter registration certificate in  
21 duplicate and issue the original certificate to the applicant; and

22 (2) enter the applicant's county election precinct  
23 number and registration number on the applicant's registration  
24 application.

25 SECTION 1.25. Section 13.143 (d) and (e), Election Code, is  
26 amended to read as follows: (d) For purposes of determining the  
27 effective date of a registration, an application submitted by mail

1 is considered to be submitted to the secretary of state [~~registrar~~]  
2 on the date it is placed with postage prepaid and properly addressed  
3 in the United States mail. The date indicated by the post office  
4 cancellation mark is considered to be the date the application was  
5 placed in the mail unless proven otherwise.

6 (e) If the 30th day before the date of an election is a  
7 Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, an  
8 application is considered to be timely if it is submitted to the  
9 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] on or before the next regular  
10 business day.

11 SECTION 1.26. Section 13.144(a) and (b), Election Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows: (a) Not later than the 30th day after  
13 the date the registrar receives notice from the secretary of state  
14 that an individual has been registered to vote [~~receives the~~  
15 ~~application~~], the registrar shall deliver the original of an  
16 initial certificate:

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

19 (2) by mail to the applicant.

20 (b) If delivery is by mail, the registrar shall send the  
21 certificate to the mailing address provided for the individual in  
22 the statewide computerized voter registration list [~~on the~~  
23 ~~applicant's registration application~~]

24 SECTION 1.27. Section 14.002(a), Election Code, is amended  
25 to read as follows: (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the  
26 registrar shall deliver a voter's renewal certificate by mail to  
27 the mailing address provided for the individual in the statewide

1 computerized voter registration list [~~on the voter's registration~~  
2 ~~application~~].

3 SECTION 1.28. Section 15.0215(b), Election Code is amended  
4 to read as follows: (b) A federal judge or state judge who is  
5 registered to vote may at any time submit to the secretary of state  
6 [~~registrar of the county in which the judge resides~~] an affidavit  
7 stating that the voter is a federal judge or state judge.

8 SECTION 1.29. Section 16.031(a)(1), Election Code is  
9 amended to read as follows: (a) The registrar shall cancel a  
10 voter's registration immediately on receipt of:

11 (1) notice under Section [~~13.072(b) or~~] 15.021 or a  
12 response under Section 15.053 that the voter's residence is outside  
13 the county;

14 ARTICLE 2. PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING REGISTERED VOTERS

15 SECTION 2.01. Section 18.041, Election Code is amended to  
16 read as follows: Sec. 18.041. ANNUAL REGISTRATION REPORT.

17 [~~(a)~~] Each voting year, the secretary of state [~~registrar~~]  
18 shall prepare a report of the number of persons whose voter  
19 registrations [~~in the county and~~] in each county [~~election~~  
20 ~~precinct~~] will be effective on January 1.

21 [~~(b)~~] ~~The secretary of state shall prescribe the categories~~  
22 ~~of voters and computations required in the report.~~

23 [~~(c)~~] ~~The registrar shall retain a copy of the report on file~~  
24 ~~as a registration record for two years.~~

25 [~~(d)~~] ~~The registrar shall file the report with the secretary~~  
26 ~~of state not later than January 2.~~

27 [~~(e)~~] ~~The secretary of state shall retain the report on file~~

1 ~~for two years.]~~

2 SECTION 2.02. Section 18.042, Election Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows: The secretary of state shall derive certified  
4 figures of the number of persons whose voter registrations in each  
5 county will be effective on election day not later than the 20th day  
6 before the date of the general primary election and the date of the  
7 general election for state and county officers. [~~(a) Not later~~  
8 ~~than the 20th day before the date of the general primary election~~  
9 ~~and the date of the general election for state and county officers,~~  
10 ~~the registrar shall file with the secretary of state a statement of~~  
11 ~~the number of persons whose voter registrations in the county and in~~  
12 ~~each county election precinct will be effective on election day.]~~

13 [~~(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the categories~~  
14 ~~of voters and computations required in the statement.]~~

15 SECTION 2.03. Section 18.043 (a) and (c), Election Code, is  
16 amended to read as follows: [~~(a) At the times prescribed by the~~  
17 The secretary of state [~~, the registrar~~] shall produce [~~deliver to~~  
18 ~~the secretary~~] a statement containing the voter registration  
19 information determined [~~by the secretary~~] to be necessary to comply  
20 with reporting requirements prescribed under federal law.

21 (c) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain the  
22 information required for the statements in accordance with  
23 procedures prescribed under this section [~~by the secretary of~~  
24 ~~state~~].

25 SECTION 2.04. Section 18.061 (c), Election Code, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 (c) Under procedures prescribed by the secretary of state,

1 the Department of Public Safety and each voter registrar shall  
2 provide to the secretary of state on an expedited basis the  
3 information necessary to maintain the registration list  
4 established under Subsection (a). The procedures shall provide for  
5 the electronic submission of the information.

6 SECTION 2.05. Section 18.064, Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows: Sec. 18.064. SANCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. If a  
8 registrar fails to substantially comply with Section 15.083,  
9 16.032, [~~18.042~~], or 18.061 or with rules adopted by the secretary  
10 of state implementing the statewide computerized voter  
11 registration list, the registrar is not entitled to receive state  
12 funds for financing voter registration in the county.

13 SECTION 2.06. Sections 18.065 (a), Election Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows: (a) The secretary of state shall  
15 monitor each registrar for substantial compliance with Sections  
16 15.083, 16.032, [~~18.042~~], and 18.061 and with rules implementing  
17 the statewide computerized voter registration list.

18 SECTION 2.07. Section 18.066 (b), Election Code, is amended  
19 to read as follows: (b) Information furnished under this section  
20 may not include:

- 21 (1) a voter's social security number; or  
22 (2) the residence address of a voter who is a federal  
23 judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, if the voter  
24 included an affidavit with the voter's registration application  
25 under Section 13.0021 or the secretary of state [~~applicable~~  
26 ~~registrar~~] has received an affidavit submitted under Section  
27 15.0215.



ARTICLE 3. VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES

SECTION 3.01. Section 20.061, Election Code is amended to read as follows: APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. The other provisions of this chapter apply to the Department of Public Safety except provisions that conflict with this subchapter or Section 13.008.

SECTION 3.02. Section 20.062 (b), Election Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall prescribe and use a change of address form and procedure that combines department and voter registration functions. The form must allow a licensee or cardholder to indicate that the change of address is not for voter registration purposes. [~~The form must allow a licensee or cardholder to indicate whether the change of address is also to be used for voter registration purposes.~~]

SECTION 3.03. Section 20.063, Election Code is amended to read as follows: Section 20.063 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES. (a) The Department of Public Safety shall consider an application made in person, by mail, or via the Internet for an original or renewal of a driver's license, a personal identification card, or a duplicate or corrected license or card, by a person who is eligible to vote as provided by Section 13.001, as an application for voter registration. The date of application is considered to be the date of submission to the secretary of state for the purpose of determining the effective date of registration.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall consider a change of address that relates to a license or card and that is submitted

1 to the department in person, by mail, or via the Internet as a  
2 change in voter registration. The date of submission of a change of  
3 address to a department employee is considered to be the date of  
4 submission to the secretary of state for the purpose of determining  
5 the effective date of registration.

6 (c) The registration of an eligible voter, as required by  
7 Subsections (a) and (b) is automatic unless the person indicates  
8 that the transaction is not for voter registration purposes.

9 ~~[(a) The Department of Public Safety shall provide to each~~  
10 ~~person who applies in person at the department's offices for an~~  
11 ~~original or renewal of a driver's license, a personal~~  
12 ~~identification card, or a duplicate or corrected license or card an~~  
13 ~~opportunity to complete a voter registration application form.~~

14 ~~(b) When the department processes a license or card for~~  
15 ~~renewal by mail, the department shall deliver to the applicant by~~  
16 ~~mail a voter registration application form.~~

17 ~~(c) A change in address that relates to a license or card and~~  
18 ~~that is submitted to the department in person or by mail serves as a~~  
19 ~~change of address for voter registration unless the licensee or~~  
20 ~~cardholder indicated that the change is not for voter registration~~  
21 ~~purposes. The date of submission of a change of address to a~~  
22 ~~department employee is considered to be the date of submission to~~  
23 ~~the voter registrar for the purpose of determining the effective~~  
24 ~~date of registration only.~~

25 ~~(d) If a completed voter registration application submitted~~  
26 ~~to a department employee does not include the applicant's correct~~  
27 ~~driver's license number or personal identification card number, a~~

1 ~~department employee shall enter the appropriate information on the~~  
2 ~~application. If a completed application does not include the~~  
3 ~~applicant's correct residence address or mailing address, a~~  
4 ~~department employee shall obtain the appropriate information from~~  
5 ~~the applicant and enter the information on the application.]~~

6 SECTION 3.04. Section 20.065, Election Code is amended to  
7 read as follows: Sec. 20.065. DELIVERY OF APPLICATIONS AND CHANGES  
8 OF ADDRESS. [~~(a) At the end of each day a Department of Public~~  
9 ~~Safety office is regularly open for business, the manager of the~~  
10 ~~office shall deliver by mail or in person to the voter registrar of~~  
11 ~~the county in which the office is located each completed voter~~  
12 ~~registration application and applicable change of address~~  
13 ~~submitted to a department employee.]~~

14 [~~(b)~~] (a) Each weekday the department is regularly open for  
15 business, the department shall electronically transfer to the  
16 secretary of state the name and information designated by the  
17 secretary of state for voter registration for each individual who  
18 is eligible to vote as provided by Section 13.001 and applies in  
19 person, by mail, or online for an original or renewal of a driver's  
20 license, a personal identification card, or a duplicate or  
21 corrected license or card [~~name of each person who completes a voter~~  
22 ~~registration application submitted to the department]. The  
23 secretary shall prescribe procedures necessary to implement this  
24 subsection.~~

25 [~~(c) On the weekday the secretary of state is regularly open~~  
26 ~~for business following the date the secretary receives information~~  
27 ~~under Subsection [(b)] (a), the secretary shall inform the~~

1 ~~appropriate voter registrar of the name of each person who~~  
2 ~~completes a voter registration application submitted to the~~  
3 ~~department. The registrar may verify that the registrar has~~  
4 ~~received each application as indicated by the information provided~~  
5 ~~by the secretary under this subsection.]~~

6 SECTION 3.05. Chapter 20, Election Code is amended by  
7 adding Section 20.067 to read as follows: Sec. 20.067. PUBLIC  
8 ANNOUNCEMENT. The Department of Public Safety and the secretary of  
9 state shall develop printed materials and a public service  
10 announcement to inform the public about automatic voter  
11 registration.

12 ARTICLE 4. DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION  
13 CERTIFICATES

14 SECTION 4.01. Section 521.101, Transportation Code is  
15 amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (j) to  
16 read as follows:

17 (f) A certificate expires on a date specified by the  
18 department [~~, except that a certificate issued to a person 60 years~~  
19 ~~of age or older does not expire].~~

20 (j) The department shall indicate "VOTER" on the face of a  
21 personal identification certificate issued to a person  
22 automatically registered to vote under Section 20.063, Election  
23 Code and "NONVOTER" on a personal identification certificate issued  
24 to a person who declines to be registered to vote under Section  
25 20.063 or is ineligible for voter registration.

26 SECTION 4.02. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation  
27 Code is amended by adding Section 521.127 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 521.127. VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO BE INDICATED ON  
2 LICENSE. The department shall indicate "VOTER" on the face of each  
3 driver's license issued to a person automatically registered to  
4 vote under Section 20.063, Election Code and "NONVOTER" each  
5 driver's license issued to a person issued to a person who declines  
6 to be registered to vote under Section 20.063 or is ineligible for  
7 voter registration.

8 SECTION 4.03. Section 521.422(a), Transportation Code is  
9 amended to read as follows: Sec. 521.422. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION  
10 CERTIFICATE FEE. (a) The fee for a personal identification  
11 certificate is:

12 (1) Waived for an individual eligible to register to  
13 vote under Section 13.001, Election Code;

14 (2) [~~(1)~~] \$15 for a person under 60 years of age;

15 (3) [~~(2)~~] \$5 for a person 60 years of age or older; and

16 (4) [~~(3)~~] \$20 for a person subject to the registration  
17 requirements under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

18 ARTICLE 5. APPLICABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE

19 SECTION 5.01. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009,  
20 except that Sections 1.11, 1.26, 2.04, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04,  
21 3.05, and 4.03 of this Act take effect immediately if it receives a  
22 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.