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H.B. No. 3069

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to streamlining voter reregistration across county lines.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 15.052(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The officially prescribed form for a confirmation notice must include:

(1) a statement that, if the voter fails to submit to the registrar a written, signed response confirming the voter's current residence on or before the 30th day after the date the confirmation notice is mailed:

(A) the voter is subject to submission of a statement of residence before the voter may be accepted for voting in an election held after that deadline; or

(B) for a notice delivered under Section 14.023, the voter will remain subject to submission of a statement of residence before the voter may be accepted for voting in an election; ~~and~~

(2) a warning that the voter's registration is subject to cancellation if the voter fails to confirm the voter's current residence either by notifying the registrar in writing or voting on a statement of residence before November 30 following the second general election for state and county officers that occurs after the date the confirmation notice is mailed; and

1 (3) a statement that the voter must include all of the
2 required information on the official confirmation notice response
3 form.

4 (b) The official confirmation notice response form must:

5 (1) provide spaces for the voter to include all of the
6 information that a person must include in an application to
7 register to vote under Section 13.002; and

8 (2) be postage prepaid and preaddressed for delivery
9 to the registrar.

10 SECTION 2. Sections 15.053(a) and (c), Election Code, are
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date a
13 confirmation notice is mailed, the voter shall submit to the
14 registrar a written, signed response to the notice that confirms
15 the voter's current residence. The response must contain all of the
16 information that a person must include in an application to
17 register to vote under Section 13.002.

18 (c) The registrar shall act on the response in accordance
19 with Section 13.072 and retain the response on file with the voter's
20 registration application.

21 SECTION 3. Section 63.0011(c), Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (c) Before being accepted for voting, the voter must execute
24 and submit to an election officer a statement including:

25 (1) a statement that the voter satisfies the
26 applicable residence requirements prescribed by Subsection (b);

27 (2) all of the information that a person must include

1 in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002 [~~the~~
2 ~~voter's residence address or, if the residence has no address, the~~
3 ~~address at which the voter receives mail and a concise description~~
4 ~~of the location of the voter's residence~~]; and

5 (3) [~~the month, day, and year of the voter's birth,~~
6 ~~and~~

7 [~~4~~] the date the statement is submitted to the
8 election officer.

9 SECTION 4. Not later than September 1, 2009, the secretary
10 of state shall prescribe:

11 (1) official forms for a confirmation notice and
12 confirmation notice response that meet the requirements of Section
13 15.052, Election Code, as amended by this Act; and

14 (2) a form that may be used for the statement of
15 residence that meets the requirements of Section 63.0011(c),
16 Election Code, as amended by this Act.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.