

1-1 By: Bohac (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 3069  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2009;  
1-3 May 19, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to streamlining voter reregistration across county lines.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 15.052(a) and (b), Election Code, are  
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) The officially prescribed form for a confirmation  
1-13 notice must include:

1-14 (1) a statement that, if the voter fails to submit to  
1-15 the registrar a written, signed response confirming the voter's  
1-16 current residence on or before the 30th day after the date the  
1-17 confirmation notice is mailed:

1-18 (A) the voter is subject to submission of a  
1-19 statement of residence before the voter may be accepted for voting  
1-20 in an election held after that deadline; or

1-21 (B) for a notice delivered under Section 14.023,  
1-22 the voter will remain subject to submission of a statement of  
1-23 residence before the voter may be accepted for voting in an  
1-24 election; ~~and~~

1-25 (2) a warning that the voter's registration is subject  
1-26 to cancellation if the voter fails to confirm the voter's current  
1-27 residence either by notifying the registrar in writing or voting on  
1-28 a statement of residence before November 30 following the second  
1-29 general election for state and county officers that occurs after  
1-30 the date the confirmation notice is mailed; and

1-31 (3) a statement that the voter must include all of the  
1-32 required information on the official confirmation notice response  
1-33 form.

1-34 (b) The official confirmation notice response form must:

1-35 (1) provide spaces for the voter to include all of the  
1-36 information that a person must include in an application to  
1-37 register to vote under Section 13.002; and

1-38 (2) be postage prepaid and preaddressed for delivery  
1-39 to the registrar.

1-40 SECTION 2. Sections 15.053(a) and (c), Election Code, are  
1-41 amended to read as follows:

1-42 (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date a  
1-43 confirmation notice is mailed, the voter shall submit to the  
1-44 registrar a written, signed response to the notice that confirms  
1-45 the voter's current residence. The response must contain all of the  
1-46 information that a person must include in an application to  
1-47 register to vote under Section 13.002.

1-48 (c) The registrar shall act on the response in accordance  
1-49 with Section 13.072 and retain the response on file with the voter's  
1-50 registration application.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 63.0011(c), Election Code, is amended to  
1-52 read as follows:

1-53 (c) Before being accepted for voting, the voter must execute  
1-54 and submit to an election officer a statement including:

1-55 (1) a statement that the voter satisfies the  
1-56 applicable residence requirements prescribed by Subsection (b);

1-57 (2) all of the information that a person must include  
1-58 in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002 ~~[the~~  
1-59 ~~voter's residence address or, if the residence has no address, the~~  
1-60 ~~address at which the voter receives mail and a concise description~~  
1-61 ~~of the location of the voter's residence]; and~~

1-62 (3) ~~[the month, day, and year of the voter's birth,~~  
1-63 ~~and~~

1-64 ~~[4)]~~ the date the statement is submitted to the

2-1 election officer.

2-2 SECTION 4. Not later than September 1, 2009, the secretary  
2-3 of state shall prescribe:

2-4 (1) official forms for a confirmation notice and  
2-5 confirmation notice response that meet the requirements of Section  
2-6 15.052, Election Code, as amended by this Act; and

2-7 (2) a form that may be used for the statement of  
2-8 residence that meets the requirements of Section 63.0011(c),  
2-9 Election Code, as amended by this Act.

2-10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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