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H.B. No. 926

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of information from the internal verification system of the Department of Public Safety for voter registration purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.060(d), Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 1146 (H.B. 2730), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The department may disclose the results of an investigation under Subsection (c) to:

(1) a criminal justice agency for the purposes of enforcing Section 521.4565 or other provisions of this chapter or Chapter 522; or

(2) the secretary of state for voter registration purposes.

SECTION 2. Chapter 15, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. USE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCY

Sec. 15.171. ACTION ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) If the Department of Public Safety discloses to the secretary of state under Section 521.060, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 1146 (H.B. 2730), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, a unique address that the department has identified as being submitted in license or

1 certificate applications in a frequency or number that casts doubt
2 on whether the address is the actual address where an applicant for
3 a driver's license or personal identification card resides, the
4 secretary of state shall inform the voter registrar of the county in
5 which the address is located.

6 (b) A voter registrar who receives information relating to a
7 unique address from the secretary of state under Subsection (a)
8 shall:

9 (1) investigate under Section 16.033 the registration
10 of any voter registered to vote at that address; and

11 (2) challenge under Section 13.074 the registration
12 application of an applicant who submits the address as the voter's
13 residence address on the application.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.