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H.B. No. 198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the correction of voter registration records following
3 a change of address submitted to the United States Postal Service.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 15.022, Election Code, as amended by
6 Chapters 123 (S.B. 14) and 1002 (H.B. 2194), Acts of the 82nd
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted and amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 15.022. CORRECTION OF REGISTRATION RECORDS. (a) The
10 registrar shall make the appropriate corrections in the
11 registration records, including, if necessary, deleting a voter's
12 name from the suspense list:

13 (1) after receipt of a notice of a change in
14 registration information under Section 15.021;

15 (2) after receipt of a voter's reply to a notice of
16 investigation given under Section 16.033;

17 (3) after receipt of any affidavits executed under
18 Section 63.006, following an election;

19 (4) after receipt of a voter's statement of residence
20 executed under Section 63.0011;

21 (5) before the effective date of the abolishment of a
22 county election precinct or a change in its boundary;

23 (6) after receipt of any United States Postal Service
24 information indicating an address change or reclassification;

1 (7) after receipt of a voter's response under Section
2 15.053; or

3 (8) after receipt of a registration application or
4 change of address under Chapter 20.

5 (b) At least monthly, the registrar shall request from the
6 United States Postal Service any available information indicating
7 address reclassifications affecting the registered voters of the
8 county and any information relating to changes of address submitted
9 by persons in the county to the United States Postal Service that
10 may be provided to the registrar under federal law.

11 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 15, Election Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 15.029 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 15.029. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION. The secretary of
14 state shall prescribe procedures to provide for the registrar to
15 transfer the registration of a voter from one county to another on
16 notification described by Section 15.022 that the voter's residence
17 has moved to the other county.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.