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H.B. No. 1841

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for certain forms provided by a voter registrar.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.040, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsections (b) and (e) to read as follows:

(a-1) A form for a receipt prescribed by this section must be provided to a volunteer deputy registrar in all languages in which ballots in the county are required to be printed under Chapter 272.

(b) The receipt must contain:

(1) the name of the applicant and, if applicable, the name of the applicant's agent; ~~and~~

(2) the date the completed application is submitted to the volunteer deputy; and

(3) the printed name of the volunteer deputy.

(e) The secretary of state shall develop procedures to ensure compliance with ~~[may prescribe a procedure that is an alternative to the procedure prescribed by]~~ this section ~~[that will ensure the accountability of the registration applications]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 272.011(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The secretary of state shall prepare the translation for

1 election materials required to be provided in a language other than
2 English or Spanish for the following state prescribed voter forms:

3 (1) voter registration application form required by
4 Section 13.002;

5 (2) the registration application receipt required by
6 Section 13.040;

7 (3) [~~(2)~~] the confirmation form required by Section
8 15.051;

9 (4) [~~(3)~~] the voting instruction poster required by
10 Section 62.011;

11 (5) [~~(4)~~] the statement of residence form required by
12 Section 63.0011;

13 (6) [~~(5)~~] the provisional ballot affidavit required
14 by Section 63.011;

15 (7) [~~(6)~~] the application for a ballot by mail
16 required by Section 84.011;

17 (8) [~~(7)~~] the carrier envelope and voting
18 instructions required by Section 86.013; and

19 (9) [~~(8)~~] any other voter forms that the secretary of
20 state identifies as frequently used and for which state resources
21 are otherwise available.

22 SECTION 3. Section 272.007(a), Election Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the
25 secretary of state shall prepare the Spanish translation for the
26 bilingual election materials required by Sections 272.005 and
27 272.006 and the registration application receipt required by

1 Section 13.040.

2 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
3 a receipt issued for a voter registration application submitted on
4 or after the effective date of this Act. A receipt issued for a
5 voter registration application submitted before the effective date
6 of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the receipt was
7 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.