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H.B. No. 2569

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the methods by which a registrar must provide notice to an applicant of a rejected application for voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.073, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the registrar shall deliver notice of the reason for the rejection of an application to the applicant by:

(1) first class mail [~~written notice of the reason for the rejection of an application to the applicant~~] not later than the seventh [~~second~~] day after the date of rejection;

(2) e-mail, if the applicant provided an e-mail address on the application form, not later than the second day after the date of rejection; and

(3) telephone conversation or voice message, if the applicant provided a telephone number on the application form, not later than the second day after the date of rejection.

(b-1) An unsuccessful attempt to deliver notice of rejection to the applicant in the manner described under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is sufficient to satisfy the requirement imposed by the subsection if the registrar can demonstrate that the registrar made a bona fide attempt to comply with the requirement.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.