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H.B. No. 448

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 63.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 63.0091. REGISTRATION AT POLLING PLACE; VOTING PROCEDURES. (a) This section applies to the conduct of voting and to the registration of voters notwithstanding and in addition to other applicable provisions of this code.

(b) A person who would be eligible to vote in an election under Section 11.001, but for the requirement to be a registered voter, shall be accepted for voting in the precinct of the person's residence if, on the day the person offers to vote, the person:

(1) submits a voter registration application that complies with Section 13.002; and

(2) presents proof of identification in one of the following forms:

(A) a driver's license, license to carry a concealed handgun, or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety, regardless of whether the license or card has expired;

(B) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity;

1 (C) a copy of a current utility bill, bank
2 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government
3 document that shows the name and address of the voter; or

4 (D) any other form of identification prescribed
5 by the secretary of state that establishes the person's residence.

6 (c) Persons voting under this section shall be processed
7 separately at the polling place from persons who are voting under
8 regular procedures.

9 (d) The secretary of state shall prescribe the procedures
10 necessary to implement this section and to ensure the proper and
11 orderly conduct of elections.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.