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H.B. No. 622

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to verification of a voter's registration on offering to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63.006, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents the documentation required under Section 63.001(b) but whose name is not on the precinct list of registered voters shall be accepted for voting if the voter registrar verifies the voter as a registered voter and the voter [~~also~~] presents a voter registration certificate indicating that the voter is currently registered:

(1) in the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote; or

(2) in a different precinct in the same county as the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote and the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter:

(A) is a resident of the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote or is otherwise entitled by law to vote in that precinct;

(B) was a resident of the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote at the time the information on the voter's residence address was last provided to the voter registrar;

1 (C) did not deliberately provide false
2 information to secure registration in a precinct in which the voter
3 does not reside; and

4 (D) is voting only once in the election.

5 (c) A voter who is not accepted to vote under this section
6 shall be accepted for provisional voting if the voter executes an
7 affidavit in accordance with Section 63.011.

8 SECTION 2. Section 63.011(a), Election Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (a) A person to whom Section 63.001(g), 63.006(c), or 63.009
11 applies may cast a provisional ballot if the person executes an
12 affidavit stating that the person:

13 (1) is a registered voter in the precinct in which the
14 person seeks to vote; and

15 (2) is eligible to vote in the election.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.