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H.B. No. 1407

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the comparison of any list of the legal status of certain persons who are not citizens to the list of registered voters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 18, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 18.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 18.062. INFORMATION REGARDING DEFERRED DEPORTATIONS.

The secretary of state may obtain, from any agency or authority of this state with which the information is shared, information obtained from an agency or authority of the federal government relating to persons who, through an executive order or other means, have been given deferrals from deportation or amnesty from penalties imposed under any federal immigration statute.

SECTION 2. Section 18.068, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state shall quarterly compare the information received under Sections ~~[Section]~~ 16.001 and 18.062 of this code and Section 62.113, Government Code, to the statewide computerized voter registration list. If the secretary determines that a voter on the registration list is deceased or has been excused or disqualified from jury service or given deferrals from deportation or amnesty from penalties imposed under any federal

1 immigration statute because the voter is not a citizen, the
2 secretary shall send notice of the determination to the voter
3 registrar of the counties considered appropriate by the secretary.

4 (g) The secretary of state shall inform the county of the
5 voter's residence if the secretary has determined based on
6 information the secretary receives under Section 18.062 that a
7 strong match or weak match exists between identifying information
8 maintained regarding a county voter and identifying information
9 regarding an individual who has been given deferrals from
10 deportation or amnesty from penalties imposed under any federal
11 immigration statute. On receiving notification from the secretary
12 of state that a strong match or weak match of identifying
13 information exists, the county shall investigate whether the voter
14 is the individual about whom information is obtained.

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