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H.B. No. 2960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain information reported to county voter registrars  
3 and to the Department of Public Safety and to the cancellation of a  
4 driver's license based on that information.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.001(c), Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (c) Once each week, on a day specified by the secretary of  
9 state, the vital statistics unit of the Department of State Health  
10 Services [~~Bureau of Vital Statistics~~] shall furnish to the  
11 secretary of state available information specified by the secretary  
12 relating to deceased residents of the state. Not later than the  
13 fifth business day after the date the secretary of state receives  
14 the information from the department [~~Periodically~~], the secretary  
15 shall furnish to the appropriate voter registrars information  
16 obtained from the department [~~bureau~~] that will assist in  
17 identifying the deceased registered voters of each county.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
19 amended by adding Section 411.209 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 411.209. CANCELLATION ON NOTICE OF DEATH. Not later  
21 than the fifth business day after the date the department receives a  
22 copy of a person's death certificate under Section 191.030, Health  
23 and Safety Code, the department shall cancel a license issued to the  
24 person under this subchapter.

1 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 191, Health and Safety  
2 Code, is amended by adding Section 191.030 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 191.030. RECORDS FILED WITH COUNTY AND DEPARTMENT OF  
4 PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) Not later than the 10th day of each month, the  
5 local registrar shall file with the commissioners court or the  
6 county auditor, as appropriate, a copy of each death certificate  
7 filed with the local registrar during the preceding month.

8 (b) Each copy must show the local registrar's file date and  
9 signature.

10 (c) The copies shall be deposited in the county clerk's  
11 office.

12 (d) This section does not apply in a municipality that has  
13 an ordinance requiring that a copy of each birth, death, and fetal  
14 death certificate be permanently filed in the office of the  
15 municipality's registrar.

16 (e) Not later than the fifth business day after the date the  
17 local registrar files a copy of a certificate under Subsection (a),  
18 the local registrar shall file a copy of each death certificate  
19 filed with the local registrar during the preceding month with the  
20 Department of Public Safety.

21 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
22 is amended by adding Section 521.011 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 521.011. CANCELLATION ON NOTICE OF DEATH. Not later  
24 than the fifth business day after the date the department receives a  
25 copy of a person's death certificate under Section 191.030, Health  
26 and Safety Code, the department shall cancel a driver's license or  
27 personal identification certificate issued to the person under this

1 chapter.

2 SECTION 5. Chapter 521A, Transportation Code, is amended by  
3 adding Section 521A.002 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 521A.002. CANCELLATION ON NOTICE OF DEATH. Not later  
5 than the fifth business day after the date the department receives a  
6 copy of a person's death certificate under Section 191.030, Health  
7 and Safety Code, the department shall cancel an election  
8 identification certificate issued to the person under this chapter.

9 SECTION 6. Subchapter A, Chapter 522, Transportation Code,  
10 is amended by adding Section 522.008 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 522.008. CANCELLATION ON NOTICE OF DEATH. Not later  
12 than the fifth business day after the date the department receives a  
13 copy of a person's death certificate under Section 191.030, Health  
14 and Safety Code, the department shall cancel a commercial driver's  
15 license or commercial driver learner's permit issued to the person  
16 under this chapter.

17 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.