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S.B. No. 371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to issuance of a receipt for a voter registration applicant.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.009. ISSUANCE OF RECEIPT. (a) This section applies only to a completed registration application that is submitted by the applicant in person to a voter registrar, deputy registrar, or volunteer deputy registrar or a voter registration agency designated under Chapter 20. This section does not apply to a completed registration application that is submitted by mail.

(b) On receipt of a completed registration application, the person receiving the application shall prepare a receipt in duplicate on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and furnished by the registrar.

(c) The receipt must contain:

(1) the name of the applicant and, if applicable, the name of the applicant's agent; and

(2) the date the completed application is submitted.

(d) The person receiving the application shall sign the receipt in the applicant's presence and shall give the original to the applicant.

(e) The person receiving the application shall deliver the

1 duplicate receipt to the registrar with the registration
2 application. The registrar shall retain the receipt on file with
3 the application.

4 (f) The secretary of state may prescribe a procedure that is
5 an alternative to the procedure prescribed by this section that
6 will ensure the accountability of the registration applications.

7 SECTION 2. Section 13.040, Election Code, is repealed.

8 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
9 to a voter registration application submitted on or after the
10 effective date of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.