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H.B. No. 280

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the
3 United States required for the issuance of a driver's license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.142(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) An application for an original license must state the
8 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This
9 information must be verified by presentation of proof of identity
10 satisfactory to the department. An applicant who is not a citizen
11 of the United States must present to the department documentation
12 issued by the appropriate United States agency that authorizes the
13 applicant to be in the United States before the applicant may be
14 issued a driver's license. The department must accept as
15 satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection an offender
16 identification card or similar form of identification issued to an
17 inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if the applicant
18 also provides supplemental verifiable records or documents that aid
19 in establishing identity. For the purposes of this subsection, a
20 voter registration certificate is not satisfactory proof of
21 authorization to be in the United States.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect December 1, 2017.