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H.B. No. 521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on
3 notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a
4 citizen.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.031(a), Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The registrar shall cancel a voter's registration
9 immediately on receipt of:

10 (1) notice under Section 13.072(b) or 15.021 or a
11 response under Section 15.053 that the voter's residence is outside
12 the county;

13 (2) an abstract of the voter's death certificate under
14 Section 16.001(a) or an abstract of an application indicating that
15 the voter is deceased under Section 16.001(b);

16 (3) an abstract of a final judgment of the voter's
17 total mental incapacity, partial mental incapacity without the
18 right to vote, conviction of a felony, or disqualification under
19 Section 16.002, 16.003, or 16.004;

20 (4) notice under Section 112.012 that the voter has
21 applied for a limited ballot in another county;

22 (5) notice from a voter registration official in
23 another state that the voter has registered to vote outside this
24 state;

1 (6) notice from the early voting clerk under Section
2 101.053 [~~101.0041~~] that a federal postcard application submitted by
3 an applicant states a voting residence address located outside the
4 registrar's county; [~~or~~]

5 (7) notice from the secretary of state that the voter
6 has registered to vote in another county, as determined by the
7 voter's driver's license number or personal identification card
8 number issued by the Department of Public Safety or social security
9 number; or

10 (8) a list under Section 18.068 of this code or Section
11 62.113, Government Code, of persons excused or disqualified from
12 jury service because of citizenship status that includes the voter,
13 or other notice from any governmental agency that the voter has
14 acknowledged that the voter is not a citizen of the United States.

15 SECTION 2. Section 16.036(a), Election Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (a) Immediately after, but not later than the 30th day after
18 the date a voter's registration is canceled under Section
19 16.031(a)(3) or (8), 16.033, or 16.0331, [~~or 16.0332,~~] the
20 registrar shall deliver written notice of the cancellation to the
21 voter.

22 SECTION 3. Section 19.001(a), Election Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (a) Before May 15 of each year, the registrar shall prepare
25 and submit to the secretary of state a statement containing:

26 (1) the total number of initial registrations for the
27 previous voting year;

1 (2) the total number of registrations canceled under
2 Sections [16.031\(a\)\(1\)](#) and (8) and Section ~~[7]~~ [16.033](#)~~[7, and 16.0332]~~
3 for the previous voting year; and

4 (3) the total number of registrations for which
5 information was updated for the previous voting year.

6 SECTION 4. Sections [62.113\(b\)](#) and (c), Government Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
9 send a copy of the list of persons excused or disqualified because
10 of citizenship in the previous month to:

11 (1) the voter registrar of the county;

12 (2) the county official responsible for administering
13 elections;

14 (3) the secretary of state; and

15 (4) [~~(3)~~] the county or district attorney, as
16 applicable, for an investigation of whether the person committed an
17 offense under Section [13.007](#) or [64.012](#), Election Code, or other
18 law.

19 (c) A list compiled under this section may not be used for a
20 purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section
21 [16.031\(a\)\(8\)](#) [~~[16.0332](#)~~] or [18.068](#), Election Code.

22 SECTION 5. Section [16.0332](#), Election Code, is repealed.

23 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.