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H.B. No. 1102

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to including on the jury wheel card the current phone  
3 number, if available, of a person qualified to be included in the  
4 jury selection process.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 62.001(c) and (i), Government Code, are  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) Each year not later than the third Tuesday in November  
9 or the date provided by Section 16.032, Election Code, for the  
10 cancellation of voter registrations, whichever is earlier, the  
11 voter registrar of each county shall furnish to the secretary of  
12 state a current voter registration list from all the precincts in  
13 the county that, except as provided by Subsection (d), includes:

14 (1) the complete name, mailing address, date of birth,  
15 voter registration number, and precinct number for each voter;

16 (2) if available, the Texas driver's license number or  
17 personal identification card or certificate number, ~~and~~ social  
18 security number, and telephone number for each voter; and

19 (3) any other information included on the voter  
20 registration list of the county.

21 (i) The commissioners court may, instead of using the method  
22 provided by Subsections (c) through (h), contract with another  
23 governmental unit or a private person to combine the voter  
24 registration list with the list furnished by the Department of

1 Public Safety. Subsections (c) through (h) do not apply to a county  
2 in which the commissioners court has contracted with another  
3 governmental unit or a private person under this subsection. The  
4 Department of Public Safety may not charge a fee for furnishing a  
5 list under this subsection. Each list must contain the name, date  
6 of birth, address, county of residence, and citizenship status of  
7 each person listed and if available, the telephone number of each  
8 person. If practical, each list must contain any other information  
9 useful in determining if the person is qualified to serve as a  
10 juror.

11 SECTION 2. Section 62.002, Government Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 62.002. JURY WHEEL CARDS. (a) The officials or their  
14 deputies who reconstitute the jury wheel shall write on a separate  
15 jury wheel card of uniform size and color the name and, if possible,  
16 the post office address and telephone number of each prospective  
17 juror that resides in the county and whose name appears on the  
18 current lists used under Section 62.001. The name of each  
19 prospective juror may appear on only one card.

20 (b) In a county with a population of 140,000 or more, the  
21 commissioners court shall employ typists who shall type the names,  
22 [~~and~~] addresses, and if available, telephone numbers of qualified  
23 prospective jurors on separate jury wheel cards of uniform size and  
24 color under the direction and control of the district clerk. The  
25 expenses incurred in typing the names, [~~and~~] addresses, and  
26 telephone numbers must be authorized, reported, and paid and  
27 accounted for under the laws and rules that govern the payment of

1 other expenses of the office of district clerk. The compensation of  
2 the typists and the expenses are paid from the jury fund.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.